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DETROIT, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 28--NOVEMBER 2, 1886.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church began Thursday, October 28th, at 10 A. M., with the President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, in the chair. The pulpit and platform were beautifully decorated with tropical plants and festoons of evergreens.

The opening services were conducted by Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, of Chicago, who read the last six verses of the eighty-fifth Psalm and the last verse of the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, and offered an earnest petition for divine presence and help. Mrs. A. W. Abrahams led in singing the 797th hymn.

Mrs. Hayes in a few appropriate words announced that Mrs. John Davis, first Vice-president of the Society, and Chairman of the General Executive Board, would assume the duties of the business sessions, and then gracefully vacated the chair.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, the Recording Secretary, called the list of the Conferences in reversed alphabetical order, beginning with the letter W, and the delegates took the seats assigned them.

On motion of Mrs. J. F. Willing, it was decided that three visitors from each Conference have seats with the Corresponding Secretary and Delegate from the same.

The privilege of selecting Assistant Secretaries was accorded Mrs. Aiken, who, in choosing a representative from the West and another from the East, nominated Mrs. W. A. Ingham, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Martha Van Marter, of New York City, gratefully acknowledging the efficient services given by these ladies at the last Annual Meeting. They were elected.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Studley, pastor of Central Church, delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the Methodist clergy of this city, and spoke briefly on the development of the social and moral influence of woman during the last forty years. He said: "Woman is becoming a power in every thing—in trade, in commerce, in manufactures, in law, in medicine, in theology, in art, in scientific explorations and investigations, in charity organizations, in social science, in moral reforms, in religious enterprises at home and abroad, in every conceivable thing which concerns the best good of the human race both in this life and in that which is to come." In concluding his cordial welcome, Dr. Studley expressed the belief that here will be kindled in all hearts a holier zeal than ever for the cause of Home Missions.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. McEldowney declined making a speech, but conveyed in a few brief words his friendly interest and warm welcome, and heartily indorsed all that the previous speaker had expressed.

Mrs. Edward Smith, President of the Detroit Conference Society, presented an address of welcome in behalf of the Michigan Workers, from which the following is extracted:

To-day, we have assembled here to extend a cordial greeting to this noble band of eminent Christian ladies, and to welcome them to our homes, to our beautiful house of worship, and to our city, which we think in healthful location and moral status will compare favorably with any city of its size. With open arms and hearts full of love, we give you a happy, loving welcome, trusting that this meeting of Christian ladies will serve to inspire us with new zeal, and thus help us to devise plans that will be the means of bringing increased vigor and usefulness into this branch of Christian work.

Judging from the past I feel assured of a grand, brilliant future for this organization. I trust there will be no withered hands in this Society. In the Word of God we are told that our Savior healed the man with a withered hand, and it only speaks of this one man that was thus healed. I have no doubt that there were more people at that time with the same affliction, and I often wonder how many withered hands could be found in our Christian Churches at the present day—hands that hang lifeless by their owner's side, and find nothing to do for the Master. In the missionary field there is something for every Christian to do. We can not all go as missionaries to foreign lands, but we can help those that go; and in this Home Missionary Society we can do a grand, noble work here in our own country, among the foreign people that are flooding our shores. I am fully impressed that the work of this Society in the future will be very largely with the foreign population in our large towns and cities, where thousands of people live that are never seen in the Churches. A pressing need to-day is for Christian workers among these neglected classes of people.

The poetry that the poor native brought to his missionary pastor for

approval, just expresses my own feelings to you, my dear friends, that have assembled here to-day, and I will repeat one verse only :

“Go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on,
Go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on—”

He brought eighty verses for his pastor's inspection, and the beauty of the poem consists in the fact that the whole eighty verses were just like the first one that I have repeated. And so I say to you, “go on” in this noble work that has already brought so much happiness to the classes that need such help. May the “strong arm” on which you lean support you in your abundant labors; and in the final coronation may you wear the crown designed for the faithful.

Responses to these addresses of welcome were made by several ladies, the first of whom was Mrs. W. A. Ingham, of Cleveland, O., who said :

As a child of the pioneers, I can not refrain from response to this charming welcome. We love Detroit, because she is the oldest city in the Western section of the United States; older than Baltimore and Philadelphia of the sea-board. Founded in 1670 as an outpost for the fur-trade, we pay profound obeisance to her hoary head, over which 216 years have rolled, and at the same time bestow upon her our mite of admiration, in that being *French*, we would never suspect her age, so skillfully does she conceal it by modern architecture and the latest features of landscape gardening. She is at once antique and interesting, youthful and progressive. But to me, who am less than the least of all saints, there is a most precious association connected with this city. My father, Rev. John Janes, traveled Detroit Circuit in 1826-7. You will find recorded in the published history of our denomination in Michigan, that in the village of Ann Arbor, May 21, 1828, “Hannah B. Brown, a young lady of earnest piety and cultivated mind, united her fortunes and labors with those of Rev. John Janes. For this she was disinherited by her father, 'Squire Daniel Brown.” So my mother went from Michigan to Ohio, singing:

“No foot of land do I possess,
No cottage in this wilderness.”

Grand soul! what didst thou not endure for Christ's sake?

There is another reason why I love Detroit. In 1884, while writing the primitive record of the Methodist denomination in Cleveland, I found that the first who came to our city, and, indeed, the only one during four years, was Mrs. Grace Johnston, who removed from Detroit in the Spring of 1822, with her husband, Captain William Johnston. This gallant lake-captain, though not religious himself, yet, for the love he bore his wife, wrote to the seat of the Ohio Conference for a preacher to come to Cleveland. And so Detroit, the City of the Straits, sends the pioneer woman of our Church to Cleveland, the Forest City, sowing the seed of the Kingdom in reluctant soil. Well may these two cities clasp hands on this glad

day—cities of Lake Erie's shores—and uniting more firmly than ever in the cause of Christ and missions, feel that these waters, like unto blue Galilee, bear upon their bosom the Savior of the world.

First, then, in our affections is *Our Redeemer*; next most dear to each patriotic heart is *Our Country*. God bless the Woman's Home Missionary Society! for, a real angel dropping from her white wings the Gospel of peace, she floats into the basements, attics, and emigrant depots of the thoroughfare, into the log shanties of the frontier, the wigwams of the Indians, the harems of the American Desert, and the cabins of the South; and may you who entertain this angel feel that she leaves in the homes of Detroit a benediction.

Mrs. Chas. F. Springer, Corresponding Secretary of Upper Iowa Conference, delivered the following:

Passing through the classic halls of Harvard, a few months since, we entered the room where a Greek tragedy, in the original language, was one of the successful exploits of its students, equaled, no doubt, by a play of Terence, at Ann Arbor, in its primitive Latin; by the not less remarkable presentation in St. Louis, by the young ladies of Washington University, of a Roman comedy, given in the mother tongue of Plautus, the author; and by an American monthly magazine, in Latin, edited with spirit and scholarship, and with ample encouragement. All these things prove we are not growing indolent in earthly capabilities. But what are the daily schools of Socrates, the lyceums of Aristotle, the groves of Plato and Xenophon, to the gentle Anna Askew, on her way to death; Perpetua and Felicitas, in the midst of the amphitheater at Carthage, thronged to behold their martyrdom, their lips meeting in one long kiss of sisterly love and deathless courage; Arethusa, with her son, Chrysostom, and Monica, with her wild Augustine? Then we say, with Libanius, the teacher of Antioch, "What wonderful women these Christian mothers are!" But the sublime climax in the divine tragedy is, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son to die for it;" and now woman is last at the cross and first in the gray dawn at the holy sepulcher.

Sitting in the quiet of your home church on communion-day, after partaking of the emblems of our Lord's sacrificial passion, at the query, "Has any one been omitted in this distribution of the bread and wine?" have there not arisen before you millions on millions of women, not only in Europe, Asia, and Africa, but within hands' reach in our own fair America, to testify that they have been wholly omitted, because we had refused them aid, and no hand but ours could give them the bread and the cup?

"But that which issues from the heart alone,
Will bind the heart of others to your own!"

And this is why we are here, why you have welcomed us to your lovely homes and royal hearts, why we have given months of ceaseless toil to gather for this work of love—the heartfelt desire for the emancipa-

tion of downtrodden womanhood! The successors of Lydia, Priscilla, Phebe, Persis, and the daughters of Philip, already outnumber our brothers who, formerly, *alone* bore the honored name of Missionary. That we are permitted to convene in another National Woman's Home Missionary Meeting is to me cause for profound thanksgiving. The duties of the hurried school-room, the busy home cares, the daily hospitalities, the earnest endeavor, by word and pen, to advance this connectional benevolence, are all ended, and we pause to-day, as by an Elim in the desert, to review the mile-stones past, to renew our courage for attempting the vast, unexplored regions spreading out to the gaze of each philanthropic heart, and to be cheered by the grasp of friendship's honest hand; for, as "iron sharpeneth iron," so a friend sharpeneth the countenance of a friend. To say we thank you for your welcome, in no measure expresses the emotion of our hearts. We offer you our truest treasure—our love,

Other gifts are bought and sold,
Love's real worth can ne'er be told.

We love you, Michigan women; and I can not forget the gracious words of dear Mrs. Rogers, "Be sure to come. It would be a poor convention without your cheerful presence." To love unworthily brings scorn to our soul; worthily, joy akin to the angels'.

Nothing but human and divine love could bring our matchless President, Lady Hayes, to these years of care for this work! What bands of gold could tempt our faithful and efficient general officers to assume the exhausting labors of carrying forward this wonderful scheme of Christian philanthropy? The loving words of cheer from Mrs. Scott, of Philadelphia—"She left a glow of sunshine in all our hearts"—with other messages from ladies there, and in Cleveland and Cincinnati, caused me to forget that the journey was made alone to the four Annual Meetings. Yes—love is all—and your many beautiful words of appreciation, with Mrs. Hayes's immortal gift of flowers, are valued beyond expression. Since to-morrow may be eternity, I dare not say less, and could not say more. To the last loving inquiry of publisher Thomson, "You wonderful woman of the graceful pen, do you ever eat or sleep?" I bring my *shadowy* self here as answer.

But this we know, our faith and trust,
Must live when all of earth is past;
Since He who knows our frame is just,
We'll love and serve Him to the last;
God grant to you a smooth, calm sail,
And land us safe within the veil.
And when around your hearth-stones gay you crowd,
And call to mind these simple thoughts and lays;
Let one swift prayer in heart, or breathed aloud,
Reach Christ for me, your friend of passing days.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of Newark Conference, in responding heartily to the words of welcome, said she felt that some allusion should be made in our meeting to the event that is interesting our entire nation to-day, viz., the unveiling of the great Bartholdi Statue. She described this as a woman in form, standing at the entrance of the

beautiful harbor of our country's metropolis, with uplifted hand welcoming the people of all lands to our shores. She said that last night amidst the storm, this statue stood in all her grand proportions powerless in the darkness; but to-night, as through her form one of the greatest forces of the universe thrills, from her head and hand will issue a light that shall gladden the hearts of all the storm-tossed mariners within reach of those powerful rays.

Mrs. Boswell expressed the belief that, if the Christian women of America will stand as one in such an attitude towards God that his light and love can flow through their thoughts and acts; then will the unsaved multitudes that throng our shores be saved, and the whole country be redeemed.

Mrs. R. W. C. Goff, President of Philadelphia Conference Society, said in substance as follows:

We desire to express thanks for this cordial welcome, which, like the kindly dew, refreshes and invigorates us; and we rejoice in this expression of welcome for the cause that we represent and love. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness when we remember how God has taken us as his chosen instruments, and so enabled us to move forward into providential openings, and to seize the golden opportunities, that we have not spent our strength for nought, but are a part of a great organization that is to-day a powerful agency in the salvation of our beloved land. We have met, not only to congratulate each other, and to tell of the achievements of the past year, but also to make mention of our mistakes and failures, that thereby we may see where changes in methods of work or in plans may better advance the cause, and may help us to accomplish greater things in the future. We hope to receive such information as will greatly increase our interest in this work. And we hope, too, that our presence here may prove a benediction; and that the ladies of Detroit who have provided so bountifully for our welfare will feel that they have entertained a royal family—"the children of a King."

Mrs. H. C. Hedges, of Mansfield, O., spoke in the following words:

Some weeks ago, in one of the leading monthlies, I read an article on "The City of the Straits," and my interest was perhaps increased, because I anticipated this occasion, when it would be my privilege to be a sojourner for a few days within its gates. I read of its beginnings nearly two centuries ago, when Detroit was a "bit of sunny France," and then on, when it was part of the dominion of a king of England, and further on, when it became part of our own country. I read of its beautiful parks, broad avenues, lovely homes, palatial residences, schools, churches, and grand cathedral. I read of the time when its inhabitants numbered less than five hundred, while now there is a population of two hundred thousand. Again, I read that a hospital for the sick has been built here, and also that here is a school where the children of the poor are taught the industrial arts free of charge. In this practical Home Mission work, the "Harper Hospital," we have an example of what even the lowly in life can do, by

consecrating the earnings of years to noble objects. Walter Harper and Nancy Martin are dead, but their works do follow them.

Now, we, who have come from the East and West, the North and South, find ourselves within the walls of this beautiful church, and are welcomed with cordial greeting. And for what purpose are we here? Only that we may return the greeting, and for a few days enjoy your companionship, and the hospitality of your homes? No: surely we are not here for such purposes alone. This gathering, necessarily, means work—to some, hard work. There are questions of grave importance to be considered—measures to be discussed, so as to promote the best interests of the Home Mission work. This new enterprise of our Church has become vast in its proportions. The fields are extending, and are already white for the harvest. With the enlargement of the work, comes greater responsibility in its management. Are we equal to the task? God being our helper, we are. For thus saith the Lord: "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in."

Mrs. C. V. Culver, of Reno, Pa.; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, of Delaware, O., and Mrs. E. E. Marcy, of Evanston, Ill., also responded in fitting and appropriate words, after which the audience joined in singing one verse of a familiar hymn.

The President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, with a clear voice and distinct utterance that was heard throughout the whole audience-room, delivered the following address:

The Fifth Annual Meeting of our Society is held under circumstances which may well fill our hearts with gratitude and with hope. The welcome extended us by our associates and friends of Detroit assures us that the days we shall spend in this beautiful and hospitable city will be days full of satisfaction and joy. Our prayers are that they may also be days wisely devoted to the best interests of the humble, the neglected, and the needy. This is, indeed, the work of the Divine Master, whose example and teachings all wish to imitate and heed who hope in their own lives to realize the blessings and consolations of that religion which he came into the world to establish.

The corner-stone of practical religion is the Golden Rule. How best to obey its mandate is the vital question. We would reflect on no other benevolent enterprise. We would discourage no beneficent measure. We would say nothing to dishearten any man or woman who with good motives seeks good ends. We know that many paths lead to the same goal. But our conviction, our faith, is, that the surest hope of mankind is in America. Within our limits, within our reach, are gathered representatives of all the races of mankind. In our borders are Africans, Asiatics, and Europeans. The apostles were told that repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations in Christ's name, and they were also told that the beginning should be at Jerusalem. Is not the meaning and spirit of this divine injunction clear and plain? This command is obeyed by all

whose work is done where it will accomplish most to win souls from the paths of sin to the paths of righteousness.

We rejoice most sincerely in the success of our distinguished brother, who has, with such zeal, sagacity, and singleness of purpose, labored to raise the splendid contribution of our Church for the support of missions at home and abroad. We can not, however, forget that the fountain from which he draws, is and must in the future be found, under Providence, in the Christian homes of our own beloved land. If, by reason of our neglect of home work, the stream of unchristian tendencies from abroad and the flood of indifference and vice of our own country shall overwhelm the institutions of our fathers, the missions of every Christian Church, both home and foreign, will suffer alike by the common calamity. If our eyes are to be gladdened by the sight of heathen lands rapidly becoming Christian, we must direct our efforts and strain every nerve to protect from heathenism our own land. When we see the paganism of other lands, of Asia, of Africa, and of Europe, which has poured in upon our shores, we must recall the pithy statement published in our monthly periodical, *Woman's Home Missions*, that "nothing can exceed the degradation of a heathen people whom civilization has touched only with its vices."

That duty is of highest obligation which is nearest in time and place. With America and American homes what they should be, we need not greatly fear the evils that threaten us from other lands. We can easily shun or safely meet them if our duty is faithfully done in behalf of the weak, the ignorant, and the needy of our own country. If our institutions, social and political, are imperiled to-day, it is largely because the wealthy and the fortunate, engrossed as they are in the midst of our vast material progress and prosperity, are not sufficiently mindful of what was taught by the words and life of the Founder of our blessed religion: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." And while we feel so deeply the necessity and importance of our own work, we would pray most earnestly for glorious results in the work of our sisters of the Foreign Missionary Society. In conclusion, I quote again from *Woman's Home Missions*: "The lifting up of the lowly of our own country ought to interest every man and woman."

Mrs. John Davis, Chairman of the General Executive Board, stated that the report from the Board will be found, as usual, embodied in the Corresponding Secretary's report, and also will be enlarged upon in the reports of the Secretaries of the Bureaus. She would not, therefore, occupy the time of the meeting any further than to call most urgent and affectionate attention to the noon hour of prayer for the work of the Society, as adopted by the Board. She also referred briefly to the great amount of work that occupied the time of the Board; and expressed the hope that measures of relief would be adopted which were embodied in a by-law to be submitted at the proper time to the Society. She warmly commended the work of Mrs. Willing, the retiring Secretary of the Bureau of Organization.

On motion, the Committee on Enrollment was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mrs. Wm. Corbin, Mrs. D. B. Tracy, and Mrs. Wm. E. Fairbrother.

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the by-law relating thereto, as follows: The President, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, together with the Conference Secretaries present; and, on motion, Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. E. H. Gammon, Miss C. F. Hedges, and Mrs. H. F. Spencer.

On motion, the Secretaries of the Bureaus were made members of this Committee.

Pending the appointment of the Committee on Nomination, the order was suspended to introduce an amendment of By-law No. 3, relating to the Annual Meeting, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of one member from each Conference delegation to be appointed by the respective delegations, and five members of the General Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

The Committee on Nomination was then elected, as follows: From the General Executive Board, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. R. Dymond, and Mr. J. W. Gosling; from the Conference delegations, Mrs. Phebe Graham, Mrs. Mary B. Spencer, Miss Louise A. Gaddis, Mrs. Edward Smith, Mrs. E. G. Cory, Mrs. Joseph K. Dale, Mrs. W. R. Benham, Mrs. H. W. Bennett, Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, Mrs. Hester Williams, Mrs. L. K. Showman, Miss C. F. Hedges, Mrs. J. Hollingshead, Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Miss Martha Van Marter, Mrs. H. E. Doud, Mrs. S. A. Matthews, Mrs. Chas. F. Springer, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. M. J. Shoyer, Mrs. Mary T. Lodge, Mrs. J. H. Coombs, Mrs. Chas. Eighmey, and Mrs. L. H. Cobb.

On motion, adjourned, with benediction by Rev. W. W. Ramsay, D. D.

Thursday Afternoon.

THE meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by the President, Mrs. Hayes. The hymn "O Lord of Hosts, thy glory fills," was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hester Williams.

Mrs. Davis then resumed the chair, and the minutes of the morning session, read by Mrs. Ingham, were adopted.

The reception of fraternal delegates followed. Mrs. W. W. Washburne, on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, said:

I bring to you the greeting of a band of women one hundred thousand strong, who extend to you their hands in token of sympathy and good fel-

lowship, and bid you God-speed while they praise God for your present success. It is not unusual in the best and most cultured families of earth for a new-comer into the family life to be greeted with distrust by some, lest their share of family enjoyments may be considerably lessened on this account. Your Society four years ago was no exception; but long before this day we became ashamed of our jealousy and fear lest our own beloved work should suffer, and to-day we are right proud of our lovely baby sister who already acquits herself so zealously and efficiently that we are constrained to treat her as an equal, even though she is only five years of age, while we are seventeen. We congratulate you on your exceedingly promising future.

We of the Foreign Society take great satisfaction in our past record. Having so often accomplished more than we dared to hope, we feel that our prosperity is of God, and not to be boasted of as though we ourselves had done it. But just as one at eve, weary with the toil of the day, reviews with complacency the various tasks accomplished, so we from this standpoint, looking over the past years of persistent endeavor, take satisfaction in our accumulated success. Inasmuch as our membership is steadily increasing by the hundreds, and as during the last year over six hundred women were made life members, and as the work is spreading among the young ladies, we think it is evident that the life-currents of our Society are still healthful and strong.

It is a matter of no small moment that in Japan, China, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America, Mexico, and Corea, there are and will be women raised to a higher realization of life through our endeavors and benefactions; that in these lands a song has begun that will increase in volume age after age, and that we shall hear its echoes here, and delight in its melodies in heaven. My sisters, you see how akin our work is—you doing in the home country just the work we are doing in foreign lands. Both having been begun by the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as we trust, what folly in either to fear detriment from the advancement of the other! In the name of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we bid you press on, extend your work on the right, on the left, and at the front. Draw heavily by faith on God's treasury. May your calls and pleas touch the hearts of America's women more and more, and the reward of your labors be complete success, the enriching of your own hearts, and the smiling approval of our Father!

Mrs. G. S. Barnes, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Michigan, spoke cordial words of greeting in behalf of the temperance workers of her own State. She greeted the Home Missionary Society as a beneficent younger sister, and spoke effectively of the grand work being done by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with its "forty departments save one" of organized work.

Mrs. L. B. Austin, represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Baptist Church. Her words of greeting and sympathy were

both warm and timely, recognizing the fellowship of work in these two great Christian Churches of our land.

Mrs. David Cooper, of the Presbyterian Church, spoke sisterly words of welcome and cheer, briefly outlining the work of her Church in Home Missions, and praying God's blessing upon us in our efforts in a like work.

Mrs. E. B. Coolidge, of the Michigan Indian Association, spoke with deep feeling of the noble work which engages our mutual sympathies, and said with John Wesley, "Church, or no Church, let the work of saving souls go on."

A tenor solo was given by Mr. C. V. Slocum, with fine effect.

A telegram bringing greetings and God-speed was read from Mrs. E. W. Blatchford, who represented the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, in session at Cleveland, O. Letters were read from Mrs. Isabella G. D. Stewart, President of the Woman's Christian Association of Detroit, from the same lady representing the Home of the Friendless, and from Mrs. David Thompson, President of the Thompson Home for Old Ladies, each bearing words of greeting and Christian love.

Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Willing were appointed to respond to these messages.

Mrs. D. W. Hollister presented greeting from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Michigan, saying:

Eight thousand women of the State of Michigan, representing the Christian Church and the Christian home, marching in the ranks of the "White Ribbon Army," and under the banner for "God and Home and Humanity," against all the evil of the times in order to establish and perpetuate the Christian home, greet you as closely allied to them in aims and plans of work. Two hundred thousand white ribbon women are looking forward to this gathering with interest; they remember, and often repeat around their firesides, the heroism of your noble leader; how she began her Home Missionary work in the home of our great Nation; and, to-day, her name is to us a temperance benediction. The representatives of the union in our city, numbering nearly five hundred, greet you as a sisterhood, powerful to aid in civilizing and Christianizing the people, so that they may cease to tolerate ideas not truly American, and that by the power of God's love, intemperance, which is now encircling the globe and extending even to the "Isles of the Sea," may be overthrown and destroyed; then the "Sun of righteousness" will shed forth its rays upon purified America, into hearts susceptible of God's power to save.

Mrs. H. Thane Miller, from the Woman's National Indian Association, spoke earnestly of the privilege of bringing greetings from the Association that she represented, to such an association as ours. She pleaded earnestly for sympathy and help, not only in carrying the Gospel to the Indians, but in securing the protection of our Government in their behalf.

Rev. L. P. Davis, of Detroit Conference, brought earnest greetings

from his ministerial brethren. He spoke especially of the work on the frontier, and stated that but for the aid afforded by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, many of the preachers on his own District must have suffered greatly.

Mrs. Willing responded in a few earnest and appropriate words to the addresses from fraternal delegates. Speaking of our own growth in love and sympathy through our work for others, and recalling the old story of Christoferus, the Christ-bearer, she showed that we are not carrying the Indians, the Mormons, the colored people, but the Lord Christ himself.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the time was extended to hear reports from the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer.

Mrs. Rust, Corresponding Secretary, read her annual report, a most carefully prepared paper, which was listened to with deep interest, and was adopted.

"One more day's work for Jesus," was then sung, and Mrs. Clark, Treasurer, read her report in detail. This report showed a gratifying increase, and gave evidence of earnest and devoted work in all the different departments. On motion, it was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Mogg, of Central New York Conference, moved that Mrs. M. O. Hard, of Wyoming Conference, be appointed to take the place of the Corresponding Secretary of that Conference, in the absence of that officer. Carried.

Mrs. Mather, of New England Southern Conference, moved that Mrs. J. H. Mansfield take the place of the Corresponding Secretary of New England Conference. Carried.

It was also moved and carried that Mrs. Lodge, of South-east Indiana Conference, take the place of the Corresponding Secretary of that Conference.

Mrs. Davis gave notice of a meeting of the General Executive Board with the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, to be held in the evening. It was afterward moved and carried, that delegates also be invited to participate in this meeting.

Mrs. Aldrich, of the Michigan Conference, asked that Mrs. Showman be added to the Finance Committee, which was granted.

Mrs. Rust moved that the President of a Conference Society take the place of the Secretary in the absence of that officer. Carried.

Adjournment was moved and carried. The doxology was sung, and Dr. J. M. Buckley pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Evening.

At eight o'clock a brief executive session was held, and the Committee on the Revision of By-laws was instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of the By-laws printed and distributed among the delegates pending the consideration of the recommendations made by this Committee. Adjourned.

Friday Morning.

THE devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Goff, and after a half hour spent in communion with the Divine Master, "Come, thou Fount of every blessing," was sung, and the entire audience joined with Mrs. Hayes in repeating the Lord's-prayer.

Mrs. Davis resumed the chair, and the minutes of the previous session, read by Miss Van Marter, were adopted, when corrected to include Mrs. G. E. Strobridge, of New York Conference, as member of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Meyer was recognized as a member of the Board of Managers, and added to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, the Report of the Bureau for East Southern States was deferred.

Mrs. Willing submitted the *report of the Bureau of Organization, which furnished a detailed account of the work that has been accomplished in the past two years, and gave proof of commendable zeal and labor on the part of the Secretary. On motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Rust presented the report of the Bureau for West Southern States, representing the different schools and Homes under the management of the Society, as well as the work among the missionaries. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. A discussion upon methods of work followed, bringing out many important features of the work.

The order of business was resumed, and the report of the Bureau for East Southern States was called for. This report being in two sections, the first one was read by Mrs. Clark, and the second by Mrs. Aiken, in the absence of Mrs. Whetstone, the Secretary, who is detained at home by illness. This report gave a comprehensive and historical account of the first Industrial Home built by the Society, and noted some of the beneficial influences resulting from the work in the Homes at Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. The report was accepted, and on motion its recommendations were referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Clark followed in a brief statement with reference to the debt of \$400 on Haven Home, and asked that it be canceled. In a few moments this sum was provided for, as follows: Mrs. Culver pledged \$100, for Erie Conference, to name a room; Miss Allen, \$100, for Cincinnati Conference; Mrs. Goff, \$100, for Philadelphia Conference; and Mrs. Royer completed the required amount by personally pledging \$100, and giving the credit to Detroit Conference. By request of Miss C. F. Hedges, the doxology was sung; and, on motion, a telegram was ordered sent to Mrs. Whetstone announcing the happy result.

*The full text of all reports read at this meeting will be found, under appropriate headings, on the pages next succeeding the Minutes.

Mr. George W. Clark, one of the early Abolitionists, in a few earnest words, expressed his gratitude that the work of educating and Christianizing the colored people of the South is falling more and more into the hands of Christian women.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, editor of the *Woman's Home Missions*, gave a verbal report of the official organ of the Society, and, while modestly refraining from eulogizing its merits, commended it, in a pleasing manner, to the patronage of all.

Mrs. S. W. Thomson, publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, followed with a carefully prepared business report, which indicated judicious economy in its management, and imparted the gratifying information that the subscription list numbers eleven thousand, and that the paper has a balance in the treasury to its credit of \$12.19. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Davis appointed a committee of two, consisting of Mrs. M. T. Carey and Mrs. W. G. Berry, of Cincinnati, to wait upon the audience and receive subscriptions for the paper.

Notices were then read, and, on motion, the meeting adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. Cooks.

Friday Afternoon.

THE meeting was opened at 2 o'clock with singing "Jesus, Lover of my soul," Mrs. Royer leading in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session read by Mrs. Aiken, were adopted.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and the Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. James Mather, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, and Mrs. Chas. Eighmey.

The order of business was resumed, and reports of Conference Secretaries were presented, as follows: Mrs. C. E. Mogg, for Central New York, and Miss Clara Allen, for Cincinnati.

The order of business was again suspended, and, on motion, Mrs. I. V. Dickinson, of Ocean Grove, N. J., was invited to a seat with the New Jersey Conference delegation.

Mrs. Davis introduced Mrs. H. Thane Miller, of Cincinnati, who represented the Woman's National Indian Association, and the entire audience rose to greet her.

Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Chairman of the Committee on the Training-school, made a clear and concise statement of the inception and progress of that work.

She was followed by Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Principal of the Training-school in Chicago, who spoke of the purposes of the school, briefly outlining its course of study, and defined it as "a school for higher religious education."

By invitation, Mr. W. E. Blackstone, of Chicago, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Training-school, gave a satisfactory statement concerning the building, the prospects of the work, and the financial outlook. At the conclusion of his remarks, the beautiful solo, "There's a green hill far away," was sung by Mrs. Folsom, of Detroit, to the enjoyment of all.

The order of business was resumed, and the report of Mrs. C. N. Owen, Corresponding Secretary of Central Pennsylvania Conference, was presented and accepted.

A motion prevailed that Mrs. D. B. Tracy be made a committee for the sale of daily papers during the meeting.

Mrs. Marcy moved that Mrs. A. F. Newman be added to the Committee on Nomination. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Enrollment was submitted by its Chairman, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, and adopted as follows:

The delegations present at this meeting represent fourteen States and thirty-four Conferences. The total number of delegates including General Officers and Conference Corresponding Secretaries, is sixty-six; number of visitors, forty-eight.

CONFERENCES.

CENTRAL OHIO.—*General Officers:* Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Fremont; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Delaware.

Delegates: Mrs. W. G. Williams, Delaware; Mrs. Phebe R. Graham, De Graff.

Visitors: Mrs. R. Mehaffy, Lafayette; Mrs. E. A. Bristol, Fremont; Mrs. Augusta Wright, Findlay; Mrs. Edward Landfair, Findlay; Mrs. P. R. Collender, Ada; Mrs. H. A. Ley, Sidney; Misses Ida L. Harsh and Helen Lindsey, Fostoria.

CINCINNATI.—*General Officers:* Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mrs. Richard Dymond, and Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Cincinnati.

Delegates: Miss Clara Allen, Xenia; Miss L. A. Gaddis, Dayton.

Visitors: Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. W. G. Berry, and Mrs. R. Crosley, Cincinnati.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Oneida; Mrs. Mary B. Spencer, Turin.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. N. Owen, Mechanicsburg; Mrs. Emma Hammersley, Harrisburg.

DETROIT.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Edward Smith, Detroit.

Visitors: Mrs. D. B. Tracy, Detroit; Mrs. Wm. Corbin, Adrian; Mrs. J. N. Applegate, Mrs. H. S. White, Mrs. Seth Reed, Flint; Mrs. L. P. Davis, West Bay City; Mrs. A. J. Richards, Bay City; Mrs. J. Horton, Port Huron.

ERIE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. V. Culver, Reno, Pa.; Mrs. J. K. Dale, Franklin, Pa.

EAST OHIO.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. M. Carr, Damascus; Mrs. E. G. Cory, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Cleveland.

Visitors: Mrs. R. B. Pope, Mrs. Geo. Foster, Mrs. A. S. Nelson, and Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Cleveland.

GENESEE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. B. Green, Mrs. W. R. Benham, Rochester, N. Y.

Visitor: Mrs. E. Ocumpaugh, Rochester, N. Y.

CONFERENCES.

- ILLINOIS.—*Delegate*: Mrs. H. W. Bennett, Bloomington.
- LOUISIANA.—*Delegates*: Miss Josephine Cowgill, New Orleans; Mrs. Hester Williams, Baton Rouge; Mrs. L. A. Rosamond, New Orleans.
- MICHIGAN.—*Delegates*: Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Muskegon; Mrs. L. K. Showman, Portland.
Visitors: Mrs. N. A. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Mrs. G. S. Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Pilcher, Jackson; Mrs. J. W. Rose, Kalamazoo.
- MINNESOTA.—*Delegates*: Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Minneapolis; Mrs. S. G. Smith, St. Paul.
- NEW YORK.—*Delegates*: Miss Martha Van Marter, Mrs. G. E. Strobbridge, New York City.
Visitors: Mrs. P. W. Nickerson, Mrs. M. N. Townsend, New York City.
- NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Visitors*: Mrs. Henry Lewis, Mrs. E. R. Hopkins, Madison.
- NORTH OHIO.—*General Officers*: Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Cleveland.
Delegates: Mrs. H. E. Doud, Norwalk; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mansfield.
Visitors: Mrs. L. L. Mudge, Monroeville; Mrs. L. H. Hanawalt, Bellevue.
- NORTH-WEST INDIANA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. S. A. Matthews, South Bend.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Delegate*: Mrs. N. H. Knox, Littleton.
- NEW ENGLAND.—*Delegates*: Miss Maria Newhall, Lynn; Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Malden.
Visitor: Miss Lucy B. Newhall, Lynn.
- NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Delegates*: Mrs. Jas. Mather, Drownville, R. I.; Mrs. J. Hollingshead, Norwich, Conn.
- NEW JERSEY.—*Delegate*: Mrs. N. L. Caminade, Trenton.
- NEWARK.—*Delegates*: Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Jersey City; Miss C. F. Hedges, Newark.
- NORTH-WEST IOWA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Chas. F. Springer, Anamosa.
- NEBRASKA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Angie F. Newman, Lincoln.
- PHILADELPHIA.—*Delegates*: Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Reading, Pa.; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Bryn Mawr.
Visitors: Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. Jas. E. Salter, Philadelphia.
- PITTSBURG.—*Delegates*: Mrs. M. J. Shoyer, Alleghany City, Pa.; Mrs. C. W. Smith, Pittsburg.
Visitors: Mrs. W. R. Kunz, Mrs. T. J. Hamilton, Pittsburg.
- ROCK RIVER.—*General Officer*: Mrs. J. F. Willing, Freeport, Ill.
Delegates: Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. J. S. Conkey, Evanston.
Visitors: Mrs. M. E. Layton, Evanston; Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Chicago; Mr. W. E. Blackstone, Oak Park.
- SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Mary F. Lodge, Indianapolis.
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—*Delegate*: Mrs. N. Dickson, Lebanon.
- TROY.—*Delegates*: Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy, N. Y., and Mrs. J. H. Coon, Stillwater.
- UPPER IOWA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Chas. F. Springer, Anamosa.
Visitor: Mrs. Chas. Eighmey, Dubuque.
- VERMONT.—*Delegate*: Mrs. L. H. Cobb, St. Albans.
- WYOMING.—*Delegates*: Mrs. H. E. Tupper, Mrs. M. S. Hard, Binghamton, N. Y.

Announcements were made, and after singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. D. G. Potter.

Friday Evening.

THE commodious church was well filled on the occasion of the Young People's Meeting, presided over by Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work. Mr. H. T. Roberts led the singing, and Mrs. W. G. Williams conducted the devotional exercises.

Interesting and practical addresses of five minutes each were delivered by Miss Martha Van Marter, of New York City, assistant editor of the *Sunday-school Advocate*; Mrs. A. C. Morrow, of Minneapolis, Minn., editor of the *Illustrator*, and Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, of Chicago, Ill. A fine tenor solo was sung by Mr. C. V. Slocum.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and delivered a characteristic address, presenting this pertinent question for the consideration of thoughtful people: "Who are to come after us, and what are they going to do?" He protested against what he considered an existing evil in the Church—aimless Church work; and insisted that the activity of the young people of our Church should be encouraged and directed in work that "has a target in it," under the stimulus of two successful maxims, "*Plan your work, and Work your plan.*" He gave his hearty indorsement to the work that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is inaugurating among the young people, principally because it is in the Church, for the Church, and of the Church.

At the close of Dr. Buckley's address, Mr. Horace Hitchcock, Superintendent of the Sunday-school of Central Church, made a brief but forcible address, earnestly urging the young people of the Methodist Churches in Detroit to organized and united efforts for Home Missionary work.

During the singing of a hymn, a collection was taken. The doxology was sung, and Rev. Dr. Hildreth pronounced the benediction.

Saturday Morning.

DEVOTIONAL exercises were opened by singing,

"One more day's work for Jesus,
One less of life for me."

Mrs. Davis occupied the chair, and the minutes of the Fourth Session, as read by Miss Van Marter, were adopted.

Miss C. F. Hedges presented the subjoined telegram from Mrs. Whetstone, in reply to one sent her announcing the provision made for the debt of \$400 on Haven Home: "Thanks. As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

Interesting reports of Corresponding Secretaries were presented and accepted, in the following order: Mrs. H. W. Rogers, for Detroit Confer-

ence; Mrs. E. B. Greene, for Genesee Conference; Mrs. H. W. Bennett, for Illinois Conference; Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, for Michigan Conference, and Mrs. A. F. Newman, for Nebraska Conference. The last named presented a verbal report.

Mrs. Davis stated that Mrs. Newman had been God's honored agent in securing from Congress an appropriation of \$40,000 for an Inter-denominational Industrial Home, to be founded in Salt Lake City, for the protection and employment of Mormon women who desire to renounce Mormonism.

Miss Josephine Cowgill submitted a report of Louisiana Conference, and stirred all hearts by outlining the work conducted by Mrs. Hester Williams and other District Secretaries.

By invitation, Mrs. Hester Williams came to the platform, and in words of touching pathos and thrilling eloquence, portrayed her own feelings, and detailed her experiences and work in Baton Rouge District, La. A liberal collection was taken for this earnest worker.

Mrs. Boswell, of New Jersey, presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the sacrifices and untiring labors of our beloved missionary, Miss Cowgill, and of her assistants, and assure them of our warm sympathy and earnest prayers amid their arduous toil for "love of Christ, and in his name."

Mrs. E. W. Simpson's report of Troy Conference, indicated the effort and enterprise that has established the Kent Industrial Home in Greensboro, N. C. At the conclusion of this report, Mrs. Aiken read part of a letter from Bishop Walden, written after his recent visit to this Home, saying: "It is the best of the buildings you have for Model Homes. I doubt not its influence for good will be felt throughout the State, as Greensboro is the very center of our Church work among the colored people. Your Society is providential, I am sure, and I pray that the Head of the Church may, through his Spirit, guide and bless your meeting."

Mrs. A. C. Morrow submitted a report of the young but promising Minnesota Conference, after which Mrs. Willing presented the following resolutions, as passed by that Conference and signed by Mrs. H. A. Hobart, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields:

Resolved, That we become auxiliary to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on conditions:

1st. That all supplies raised by our Churches, by way of clothing and groceries, be sent to the needy preachers of Minnesota Conference.

2d. That half of the money raised be likewise applied to necessitous cases among the preachers and their families.

3d. That a list of needy preachers be sent by the presiding elders to the Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies.

Mrs. Marcy moved that the order be suspended, and that the reports from Bureaus be heard. Carried.

Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Secretary of the Bureau for Mormons, gave a

résumé of the work done in Utah; and set forth the pressing need for increased missionary effort. On motion, this report was referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Thomson spoke earnestly of a desire on her part that a young English girl, recently converted in Utah, be educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and stated that two-thirds of the expenses have already been donated. Mrs. Hayes indicated her desire to furnish the remaining third, but it was stated that Mrs. S. G. Smith, of Minnesota, had already become personally responsible for the required sum of \$30.

Rev. P. A. H. Franklin was then introduced, and made a thrilling appeal for Utah. Also, Miss Lindsay, of Fostoria, O., was introduced as a missionary candidate, and spoke briefly of her wish to work in that Territory.

As the clock struck twelve, all hearts were lifted to God in silent prayer for the success of the Society, after which a hymn was sung.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Secretary of the Bureau for Indians, submitted a practical report, showing the work accomplished among the Pawnees, and the urgent necessity for missionary effort among all other tribes of Indians. This report, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Marcy followed with a brief verbal report on Montana.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Secretary of the Bureau for Middle Southern States, reported the work that has been done in her department. Her recommendations of special interest were for new work in Charleston, S. C., and in Morristown, Tenn. The time for adjournment having arrived, discussion upon this report was deferred until Monday afternoon, and, on motion, the recommendations were referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Hollister, Chairman of the Local Committee on Pulpit Supply, reported that the Methodist pastors of the city have cordially invited ladies of this meeting to occupy their pulpits on Sunday, and in compliance with this invitation a program has been prepared as follows:

CHURCHES.

Central	10.30 A. M.,	Mrs. Lucy R. Meyer.
"	7.30 P. M.,	ANNIVERSARY: Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. A. F. Newman.
Tabernacle	10.30 A. M.,	Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. C. W. Bickley.
Simpson	" "	Mrs. J. F. Willing.
Mary Palmer	" "	Mrs. A. F. Newman.
Cass Avenue	" "	Mrs. A. C. Morrow.
Fort Street	" "	Miss M. Van Marter, Mrs. J. I. Boswell.
Wesley	" "	Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt.
Lincoln Avenue	" "	Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. W. A. Ingham.
Woodward Avenue..	" "	Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. S. W. Thomson.
Haven	" "	Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Mrs. E. G. Cory, Mrs. J. M. Carr.
Welsh Avenue	" "	Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. N. L. Caminade.
Grace, (Greenfield)	" "	Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.

CHURCHES.

Ebenzer 3.00 P. M., Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Miss M. Van Marter.
 Greenfield Memorial. " Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.
 Simpson, Sunday-school, 2.00 " Miss J. Cowgill
 Simpson, Central W. C. T. U., 3.30 P. M., Mrs. L. R. Meyer, Mrs. A. F.
 Newman, Mrs. N. H. Knox.
 Lafayette Street, Sunday-school, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. Hester Williams.
 Western W. C. T. U., Baker Street, 4.00 P. M., Miss J. Cowgill, Mrs.
 Hester Williams, Mrs. L. A. Rosamond.

On motion, adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

THE Board of Managers met in Executive Session at 2 o'clock. "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hester Williams.

Mrs. Davis occupied the chair, and stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of the By-laws as recommended by the General Executive Board through its Committee on Revision of By-laws; but as the printed slips were not ready, action thereon was deferred.

Mrs. Clark presented the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Society has been represented in most of the unorganized Conferences; and the organized Conferences have been more thoroughly prepared for work through the agency of the Bureau of Organization, so that its Secretary, Mrs. Willing, considers this Bureau no longer needed; therefore,

Resolved, That the Bureau of Organization be abolished.

On motion of Mrs. J. I. Boswell, a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Mrs. Willing for her indefatigable efforts, which have been crowned with signal success, while serving the Society as Secretary of the Bureau of Organization.

Mrs. Willing presented the subjoined By-laws, embodying the action of the General Executive Board with reference to organizers, which were adopted:

Organizers may draw upon the General Treasury for their traveling expenses and one dollar for each day of actual service, when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to meet the expense.

Their accounts shall be audited each month by the General Executive Board, except when the Conference Contingent Fund pays the expense. In that case the Conference Society shall audit those bills.

Organizers shall be recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board for appointment.

The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

On motion, it was decided to meet in Executive Session Monday morning at 9 o'clock, for the further consideration of the By-laws. Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

CHILDREN'S MEETING.

At 3.45, a beautiful song service, conducted by Mrs. Emma Thomas and Mrs. A. W. Abrahams, opened the Children's Meeting, and Mrs. W. M. Jordan, whose skillful management had secured a large and enthusiastic representation from all the Sabbath-schools, read an appropriate Scripture lesson. Mrs. Studley offered prayer.

Mrs. Hayes presided, and was particularly happy in a brief address to the children.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters" was recited by Miss Unia Auble.

Mrs. Hester Williams, the colored delegate from Louisiana, who was once a slave, and at the age of fifty began to learn her A B C, said that for the first time in her life she now saw an entire audience of white children, and with this as a text, she eloquently reviewed her life history as a slave and freed-woman.

Miss Martha Van Marter and Mrs. F. A. Aiken contributed in no small degree towards making this occasion memorable for entertainment and instruction, by their earnest addresses, full of information and practical suggestions.

At the close of this meeting, planned by Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work, a bouquet of lovely flowers was presented to Mrs. Hayes by the children.

Saturday Evening.

A RECEPTION was given by Mrs. Jas. Burns and the Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Church in the Sunday-school room, daily used during the meeting as a refreshment-room, which was artistically arranged for the occasion with pictures, suspended baskets of flowers, and cages of singing-birds. The platform was decorated with tropical plants, and from the recess of another room floated sweet strains of music. Bouquets of choice flowers were presented the General Officers of the Society, and the occasion was one of great enjoyment to all.

Sunday Evening.

THE auditorium was crowded on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Society. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Studley, and Mrs. R. B. Hayes presided.

Mrs. R. S. Rust, having presented her report as Corresponding Secre-

tary in full at a previous meeting, gave on this occasion a general view of the work of the Society, and the encouraging results that have been secured since its organization. Suggestions were offered for the vigorous prosecution of the work in local or city evangelization, for the special training of our missionaries, and for the best methods of enlisting helpful sympathy in the cause of Home Missions.

She called attention to the provision of the Constitution which makes it the duty of the Board of Managers "to arrange with the Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference Society," and illustrated in a graceful manner the work that the various members of the General Executive Board have performed during the past year.

Mrs. J. F. Willing delivered an address, which was listened to with interest, the substance of which is as follows:

Home-making is the special work of our Society. No service can be more important. All people are, and will be forever, what their homes make them. The home is the work-shop where is wrought out the character and destiny of the individual, the nation, the civilization, the race.

The Christian home gives woman permanent domestic life. Alaskan women are as degradingly married as are the women of India and China. Romanists regard marriage a sacrament; yet in our Spanish-American territories, the mass of the people, to escape priestly extortions, live without the sanction of the Church upon their domestic life, and any little civil or political disturbance may scatter a family to the four winds. Mormonism is an organized, systemized attack on the permanence and purity of the home.

Freed-women a score of years ago were under the irresponsible will of their masters. They could not be legally married even to men of their own race. Even now the laws are against the intermarriage of blacks and whites, and yet the land is full of people of mixed blood. With all this, and the multitudes of outcast men and women in our great cities, the permanent Christian home is seriously endangered in this free, new America, and every woman needs to give her best thought to remedy the evil. The Christian home teaches economy. The Indian wigwam is comfortless for lack of it. The huts of thousands of the freed-people are without floors or windows. It gives habits of industry. It teaches them to respect themselves. Mormon women are said to have no souls. Their husbands may kill them when they please. The hundreds of thousands of American heathen women hear never a word to give them self-respect.

We must purify these homes in self-defense. It is only a question of time when the gangrene of the little finger will reach the heart. The anguish of the Mormon girl who is forced into the harem of a man whose presence is loathed, sends a taint of degradation into every American home. One breath from the dying room of a pauper's child may bear the germs of deadly disease to our own sheltered darlings. The moral contagion in the air destroys our sense of purity.

"Close as sin and suffering joined,
We march to fate,"

beside these American heathen. They vote upon the laws that govern us. Our knowledge of their wrongs and our ability to help them put us under obligation to give them aid.

How shall we do our work? Intelligently. We must study its need with perfect charity, tirelessly, and "for love of Christ, and in his name."

Mrs. Angie F. Newman followed with an address on the Mormon question. She said that the Mormons were propagating their doctrines all over the world by missionary work. In this country they had thirty conferences. She stated that 25,000 people were living in polygamy, and that there are born annually of Mormon parents 10,000 children. She described the marriages of the Mormons, where mothers, daughters, and grandmothers were frequently made the wives of one man, and urged with thrilling eloquence the necessity for Christian women to protest against this state of affairs wholly at variance with the purity of the Gospel.

The assembly was then dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Studley.

Monday Morning.

THE Executive Session of the Board of Managers commenced at 9 o'clock, after a half-hour spent in devotional exercises. Mrs. Davis presided. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Mrs. W. H. Knox, Corresponding Secretary of New Hampshire Conference, was introduced and seated.

The consideration of the By-laws was resumed. It was voted that Nos. 1 and 2 be unchanged, and that No. 3 stand as amended at the opening session. No. 4 was adopted.

Under the head of Bureaus, Section II, No. 1 was adopted.

In No. 2, *the General Board of Managers* was substituted for "annual meeting," and the words *and supervised* substituted for "or."

Pending the consideration of No. 3, Mrs. Rust introduced the following substitute:

Each mission shall be placed under the special supervision of a committee of ladies nominated by the Conference Society or Societies most immediately interested in the mission, and elected by the General Board of Managers. These committees shall report quarterly or oftener to the Secretary of the Bureau, giving a detailed statement of the condition and needs of the work in their charge.

After considerable discussion, the substitute was adopted.

The following was also introduced by Mrs. Rust, and adopted:

Each Bureau, except Supplies and Local work, shall consist of its Secretary and the Committees in charge of the work within its territory.

An additional By-law was presented by Mrs. Rust, as follows :

The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to co-operate with these committees in the management of the work, secure that it conforms to the rules approved by the Board of Managers for mission work, and give a detailed report quarterly or oftener to the General Executive Board.

Mrs. Williams moved to strike out the words "that it conforms," and substitute therefor *conformity*, and to introduce the word *General* before Board of Managers. The By-law was then adopted as amended.

No. 4 was, on motion, adopted as recommended by the Committee on By-laws.

Nos. 5, 6, and 7 were left unchanged.

On motion, No. 8 was adopted as follows :

The Bureau for Texas shall consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

As fast as work develops in other Southern States, they shall be placed in appropriate Bureaus.

On motion it was voted to strike out the words "the Chinese" in No. 11.

Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 were unchanged.

No. 18 was amended to include the word *Missionary* after the word "Local."

No. 19, relating to Bureau for Young People's Work, was adopted.

Mrs. Rust presented the following as a substitute for No. 20, as recommended by the Committee:

Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the General Board of Managers.

An animated discussion followed, and, pending action, the meeting adjourned for luncheon. Previous to this the business was suspended, and all joined in singing, "I need Thee every hour," and at the stroke of 12 M., heads were bowed in silent prayer for a few moments, and then Mrs. John Davis led in a tender vocal petition.

Monday Afternoon.

A BRIEF Executive Session was held, and the substitute under consideration at the time of adjournment was withdrawn by Mrs. Rust, and on motion of Mrs. Clark, No. 20 was adopted.

By special request, Mrs. Meyer was granted permission to present the following resolutions in the interests of the Training-school, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields:

Resolved, 1. That an appropriation of \$400 be made for two young ladies as beneficiaries in the Training-school at Chicago:

2. That this appropriation be itemized as follows for each beneficiary: Board, \$100; railroad fare, \$60; incidentals, \$40.

The consideration of the By-laws was continued, and after some general discussion it was decided that No. 21, as recommended, was provided for, in No. 4 of the substitutes proposed by Mrs. Rust, and previously adopted.

Mrs. W. G. Williams proposed a By-law, which was adopted, as follows :

The Secretaries of the Bureaus of Supplies Local Missionary Work, and of Young People's Work, may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, No. 22, relating to an Office Secretary, was stricken out.

Adjourned to meet Tuesday at 9 A. M.

Monday Afternoon.

THE meeting commenced at 2.15, with Mrs. Davis in the chair. "Come, thou Fount of every blessing," was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Springer.

The minutes of Saturday morning's session, read by Mrs. Ingham, were adopted.

Mrs. Aiken, representing the Bureau of Middle Southern States, proposed a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Jas. Kent, of Gloversville, N. Y., for her timely and generous gift of \$1,000 to the Home at Greensboro, N. C., which was heartily accorded.

Mrs. Aiken then moved that in consideration of the untiring services of Mrs. E. W. Simpson, of Troy Conference, by means of which this new Home has been carried forward to its completion, she be made a Life Patron of the Society. Motion prevailed.

The report of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work was submitted by its Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Williams, and adopted. This report indicated the progress of local missionary work among the Hungarians near Pittsburg, the Bohemians in Chicago, and the neglected people in various parts of the country. Recommendations were made for the organization of local work under the auspices of this Bureau, and a financial plan suggested. Mrs. Williams was authorized to prepare leaflets on Local Work.

A ten minutes' discussion followed, in which much interest in this phase of our work was developed, and valuable suggestions were made looking toward a unification of Societies in Churches.

The report of the Bureau for Young People's Work was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Ingham. Since the Bureau was formed in January of this year, seventy Bands and Circles have been reported through our paper, and a still larger number have been formed.

Upper Iowa Conference reported in detail through its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Springer.

A vocal solo, "The Resurrection," was very sweetly rendered by Miss Fowler, of Detroit.

Announcements were made, and the meeting adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Studley.

Monday Evening.

A MASS-MEETING was held in the auditorium, presided over by Mrs. Hayes.

After devotional exercises, in charge of Rev. C. B. Spencer, an able paper on Local Missionary Work, prepared and read by Mrs. W. G. Williams, awakened great interest and enthusiasm. (The reader is referred to the November and December numbers of *Woman's Home Missions* for the paper in its entirety.)

Brief and pointed addresses were made by Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Miss I. Cowgill, and Mrs. Hester Williams.

Tuesday Morning.

THE meeting convened at 8.30 o'clock, and, after a half-hour spent in devotional exercises led by Mrs. Springer, an Executive Session was held, with Mrs. Davis in the chair. The minutes of Monday morning and afternoon sessions were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

The consideration of the By-laws was then resumed, beginning with Art. III on Finance. On motion, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 were adopted.

On motion, No. 8 was amended by substituting *is requested to* for "shall." The second division of this By-law was stricken out.

Article IV was adopted, with the subjoined amendments: No. 1 to conclude with *through the Secretary of the Bureau*; No. 5 to read, *the object of all effort*, instead of "our work;" the word "all" to be omitted before "our instructors;" *work* to be substituted for "labor," and "Christian" to be omitted in the last line. No. 8 was stricken out.

Article V was adopted with the omission of "with the advice of the Corresponding Secretary," in No. 1.

On motion, Article VI was adopted without change.

Article VII, on Young People's Work, was discussed, and referred for revision to a committee of three, consisting of Mrs. Ingham, Miss Van Marter, and Mrs. Aiken. The report of this committee was adopted, as follows:

Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be

under the supervision and direction of some adult lady, and are recommended to choose some special name.

Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands, under the Constitution already provided.

Children under six years of age may be enrolled as Mother's Jewels, on the payment of ten cents a year.

Article VIII was amended to read as follows: *Due notice of the change proposed having been published in the Woman's Home Missions.*

The By-laws of the General Executive Board were left unchanged after striking out "union of societies."

The By-laws for Conference Societies were adopted, with the following amendments:

The word *society* to be introduced after "auxiliary," in No. 8; the word *each* to be placed before "District Vice-President," in the first line of No. 9; the words "and Treasurer," to be omitted in No. 10; *if practicable* to conclude No. 12, and the word *Conference* to be inserted before "Executive Board" in No. 19.

Mrs. Marcy presented the subjoined By-law for Conference Societies, which was adopted:

Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

On motion, the time was extended to consider the Constitution for District Associations, which was adopted, with the following amendments: In Article I insert — District Association; in Article III, after the words "on the," introduce — District Association; in Article IV substitute *every* for "each;" in Article VI. read *may* for "shall" after the first word.

The Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries were adopted as recommended.

On motion, Section 2 of Article V, under Constitution for Juvenile Societies, was amended by omitting the following: "Fairs, give concerts, or other," before the word "entertainments."

Mrs. Willing presented the subjoined resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields:

Resolved, That we appropriate the Mother's Jewels fund to the building of an industrial Home and School for white girls in the South, the location to be selected hereafter.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Clark, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields:

Resolved, That we appropriate from the General Treasury to *Woman's Home Missions* a sum of money equal to the aggregate of Mother's Jewels fund.

Mrs. Hoyt called attention to the fact that, by the provisions of the new By-law, adopted yesterday, relating to the appointment of the members

of the Bureaus, these offices are now vacant, and can not be filled until the Conference Societies specially interested can be called together to nominate the committees, and they are appointed by the General Board of Managers. Hence the Bureaus are now inoperative, and must remain so for some time to come, unless some special provision is made. To remedy this difficulty in part, and to provide that there be no interruption in the work of the Bureaus, she offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Bureaus be permitted to act under By-law No. 21, page 125 of Fourth Annual Report, until such time as it becomes possible to constitute the Bureaus under the new By-law No. 3, recently adopted.

Mrs. Rust then stated that, by typographical error, the By-law adopted had been made to read on printed slip, "General Board of Managers," instead of *General Executive Board*. This explanation was accepted by common consent.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Marcy was adopted :

Resolved, That the General Board of Managers nominate and appoint two ladies from the Executive Committee of the Training-school, to represent the interests of that institution in the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. E. E. Marcy and Mrs. J. B. Hobbs were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Meyer was made *ex-officio* member of the same committee.

Mrs. Hoyt said that, as many changes had been made in the By-laws and new ones had been adopted, the order of arrangement as well as the grammatical construction had been more or less affected ; she, therefore, moved that Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Aiken be appointed a committee to adjust the order of arrangement, and to make such revisions in the construction and phrasing of the By-laws as may be necessary to secure grammatical correctness before they are published. The motion was amended by adding Mrs. Hoyt to the committee, and was then adopted.

The By-laws were then adopted as a whole.

Adjourned.

Tuesday Morning.

THE public session opened about 10 o'clock with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. A. C. Morrow. Mrs. Hayes occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous session, read by Miss Van Marter, were adopted.

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries, full of interest, were presented and accepted as follows: Mrs. Bickley, for Philadelphia ; Mrs. Carr, for East Ohio ; Miss Newhall, for New England ; Mrs. Stanley, for

Ohio; Mrs. Mansfield, by Miss Newhall, for New England; and Mrs. Tupper, by Miss Ward, for Wyoming.

Mrs. Knox and Mrs. A. F. Newman were introduced as representatives of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Knox spoke briefly of the work of this grand organization, and brought cordial greetings. Mrs. Newman, in a few impressive words, spoke of resolutions adopted by that body bearing upon the Mormon question, and presented the following resolution for consideration by this meeting:

Resolved, That as an organization, we co-operate with the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the various missionary organizations of the evangelical Churches, in petitioning Congress at its next session for the passage of the Edmunds bill, now standing in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives.

The resolution was adopted without discussion, and a rising vote of thanks offered to these ladies bringing greetings.

Mrs. Rust presented appeals from the West German, Oregon, Alabama, and Southern California Conferences, asking identification with the Society. These were referred to the Finance Committee.

The order of business was suspended to allow Mrs. Willing to present her report on Missionary Candidates. She reported thirty persons as having applied during the year, and gave the names of persons who have passed the Committee. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Doud read a paper of great interest on Missionary Reading Circle, presenting a plan looking toward the perpetuity of societies by means of a National Missionary Reading Circle, founded upon the plan of the Chautauqua Circles.

Mrs. Springer moved that this plan be printed and adopted as one of our plans of work.

Mrs. Rust moved as an amendment that a committee of three be appointed to confer upon this plan and adapt it to the work of our Society. Carried. Mrs. Doud, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Aiken, were named as such a committee.

Mrs. Spencer moved that the perfected plan be referred to the General Executive Board. Carried.

The noon hour having arrived, all heads were bowed for a few moments in earnest prayer.

A request that Mrs. Rosamond, of Louisiana Conference, prostrated by sudden and severe illness, be remembered in prayer by the meeting was presented by Mrs. Davis.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Morrow, and adopted.

Mrs. Marcy spoke briefly of the Nickel Fund books; announcements were made, and the meeting adjourned to re-assemble at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

THE meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. Horton, Presiding Elder of Port Huron District, who, at the conclusion of the devotional exercises, spoke of the great good that the Woman's Home Missionary Society had done in his District in assisting ministers and their families.

The minutes of the morning session, read by Mrs. Aiken, were adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Alaska, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Secretary, was read by Mrs. G. E. Strobbridge, accepted, and referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. A. R. Clark, Secretary of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, submitted a report, which was accepted and referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Beneficiaries, presented the report. Mrs. Culver moved its adoption and reference to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Springer presented the report from North-west Iowa Conference, which was accepted.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell submitted the following, which was referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields:

WHEREAS, The cities of Newark and Jersey City are in great need of help in the department of Local Missionary work; and

WHEREAS, There has been a marked *revival* of interest in City Missions among our ministers and prominent laymen; therefore,

Resolved, That we ask for an appropriation of \$500, on condition that it be raised within the Newark Conference, for the support of Mrs. Carrie Clark and the work she may develop, if the Committee on Missionary Candidates shall consider her a suitable person for appointment by the General Executive Board.

The Recording Secretary stated that owing to the illness of Mrs. Ampt, Chairman of Committee on Mite-boxes, no report had been received; but that the General Executive Board recommends that Mite-boxes be distributed gratuitously in the future. Mrs. Doud, Mrs. Culver, and Mrs. Bickley spoke in favor of this measure, and the recommendation was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Aiken then called the roll of the Conferences in order to ascertain if any reports of Corresponding Secretaries had been omitted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Missionary Intelligence, Mrs. Thomson, referred her report without reading.

The Journalistic Secretary, Mrs. Ingham, also referred her report without reading.

A vocal solo, "The flower may hide its lovely face," was acceptably sung by Mrs. Emma Thomas.

Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Thomson were appointed by the Chair to pass through the audience and receive such donations for the cause of Home

Missions as the ladies might feel inclined to offer. The Cass Avenue Church pledged a scholarship in Haven Industrial Home and School, to be called the *Jennie Poole Scholarship*.

Some earnest closing remarks were made by Mrs. Davis. "One more day's work for Jesus" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Studley.

Adjourned, to re-assemble for the closing session at 7.30 in the evening, Dr. Studley pronouncing the benediction.

Tuesday Evening.

THE closing session was opened with singing "O for a thousand tongues to sing," and prayer, offered by Mrs. S. F. Warren, of Detroit.

The minutes, read by Mrs. Aiken, were adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Rogers, the name of Mrs. Edward Smith was incorporated in number seven of the resolutions adopted.

Mrs. Newman addressed the audience on the condition of Mormon women, and during the course of her remarks said, in substance, that the large United States flag presented three years ago by the Trinity Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on the occasion of the Banner Festival in Cincinnati, to float over our Home and Boarding Hall, at Salt Lake Seminary, was tattered and torn, and that she had promised the faithful few in Utah that this banner should be replaced.

Mrs. Davis then eloquently appealed to the audience for one-dollar subscriptions to purchase a new bunting, and while the organ pealed forth "The Star-spangled Banner" in inspiring strains, the following ladies pledged one dollar each:

Mesdames R. B. Hayes, John Davis, R. S. Rust, R. W. P. Goff, R. Dymond, J. I. Boswell, W. A. Ingham, H. C. McCabe, M. T. Lodge, E. G. Cory, S. W. Thomson, H. W. Rogers, J. E. Salter, E. Ocumpaugh, W. S. Studley, E. W. Simpson, C. F. Springer, G. E. Strobbridge, E. E. Royer, J. W. Gosling, E. Smith, W. G. Williams, D. Preston, L. H. Cobb, N. Dickson, M. B. Spencer, E. B. Green, L. P. Davis, Misses Allen, Hedges, Harsh, Hammersley, Gray.

The sum of \$33 was thus secured, and Mrs. Ingham stated that the young people of Cleveland would be responsible for any additional expense involved in securing a flag and sending it to Salt Lake City.

Miss Van Marter submitted the report of the Committee on Nomination, which was received. On motion of Mrs. Spencer, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the entire list of officers, and the election was declared by Mrs. Aiken. (See pages 2, 3, 4.)

Mrs. Springer's request that Mrs. Hayes make a speech, was briefly and happily granted.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields was pre-

sented by Mrs. W. G. Williams; \$75,000 were appropriated; of this, \$23,420 were conditional.

The report of the Committee on Publication and Leaflets was presented by its Chairman, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, which gave a detailed statement of the publications for the year, including the Annual Report and the Leaflets. In this Mrs. Hoyt stated that, by special request of the General Executive Board, she had taken charge of the publication of Leaflets during the last half of the year, but she should be unable to do this for the coming year, and, therefore, resigned her office as Chairman of the Leaflet Committee. In concluding her report, she declined to be a candidate for re-election as editor of the Annual Report, and asked the privilege of naming her successor.

Mrs. Hoyt moved that Mrs. F. A. Aiken be appointed editor of the Fifth Annual Report. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Hoyt said that the cost of publishing so much of the official matter in pamphlet form is large, and must increase each year as the work advances. To save expense it has been suggested that more of the matter be published in the paper—*Home Missions*—and less in the pamphlet; and the General Executive Board, by formal action, has recommended that the December number of *Home Missions* be made the official organ for the publication of the Journal of the Annual Meeting. She also presented a plan for a further division of the matter between the pamphlet and the paper, by which the pamphlet would be reduced to about half the size of last year.

The ladies expressed their views freely on the subject, and while a variety of opinions was made known, the fact seemed to be generally admitted that the Annual Report in its full and compact form, as hitherto published, has been of great value to the workers. Mrs. Springer said she felt assured that the amount of money spent in publishing the Leaflets and the Annual Report was a most judicious expenditure, both for the workers and for the cause.

During the discussion the query arose whether the minutes of this meeting shall be published in the paper; but it was decided not best to incur the expense of publishing the same matter twice.

Mrs. Royers's motion that the Fifth Annual Report be sold at the rate of ten cents per copy was lost.

It was then moved and carried that the Annual Report shall, as heretofore, contain the proceedings of this meeting, the official reports, and such other information as is needed for reference.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Marcy was made Chairman of the Leaflet Committee. It was decided that no new leaflets be issued at present.

At this late hour the fact was made known that no Committee on Place of Meeting had been appointed, hence no report. With a promptness of action, equaled only by the hospitality extended, Mrs. Charles Eighmey invited the Board of Managers to hold its Sixth Annual Session in Dubuque, Iowa.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, the invitation was received with thanks,

and referred to the Standing Committee on Annual Meeting, provided for in By-law No. 1, Sec. I.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Society was, on motion, requested to forward the appropriations to the Missionary Society in New York City.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Mary T. Lodge, of 53 North Arsenal Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., was elected Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies, Mrs. Whetstone, long so faithful and efficient, having declined a re-election.

Rev. Dr. Studley offered the closing prayer, and on the suggestion of Mrs. Davis, hands were clasped, and voices united in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and the Fifth Annual Meeting stood adjourned *sine die*.

We deem it a pleasant duty to make mention of the admirable local arrangements for the meeting. The postal facilities, under the management of Mrs. Eva Thomas and Mrs. Emma Moore, deserve special recognition. No pains had been spared by the Methodist ladies of Detroit in providing for the welfare of their guests, and their hospitalities were abundant. A bountiful lunch, under the general supervision of Mrs. John Crebben, was served each day of the session by ladies of the various Churches from tables beautiful with fruit and flowers. We are indebted to Mrs. D. W. Hollister for a list of the Churches that provided the lunches, and the chairmen of their respective lunch committees:

THURSDAY—Lunch served by Central Church, Mrs. Wm. Brace, Chairman.

FRIDAY— " { Tabernacle Church, Mrs. James Bostwick, "

 { Mary Palmer Church, Mrs. W. H. Sexton, "

SATURDAY— " Simpson Church, Mrs. S. Stagg, "

MONDAY— " { Cass Avenue Church, Mrs. Wm. Fairbrother, "

 { Lincoln Avenue Church, Mrs. Spaulding, "

 { Woodland Ave. Church, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, "

TUESDAY— " { Fort Street Church, "

 { Haven Church, Mrs. Garfield, "

 { Wesley Church, Mrs. George Hargrave, "

 { Asbury Church, Mrs. Wheeler, "

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Recording Secretary*.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, } *Assistant Secretaries*.
MISS M. VAN MARTER, }

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. R. S. RUST.

THE Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society respectfully submits her Fifth Annual Report. The Society has received, during the past year, hearty sympathy and generous aid. The character of our organization is more fully recognized, better appreciated, and its work has been crowned with encouraging success.

It is only five years since the first invitation was issued, calling together the Board of Managers. Ten Conferences were represented at that meeting by delegates, and twice as many in the report of the Treasurer by contributions of money, which showed the receipts to be \$8,000.

It was the first time that this delegated body of representative women had met in counsel, and as the little band looked into each others' faces, and upon the fields of usefulness opening before them, the responsibility appeared almost overwhelming, and they realized, as never before, that it was only as they depended upon divine strength and infinite wisdom that they could expect success.

The enterprise involved the organization of the latent powers of the Church, and the combination of these forces into efficient agencies so as to meet the needs of a field presenting varied and perplexing problems.

At this our Fifth Annual Meeting, we are able to report fifty-five Conference organizations, conducting promising missionary work in needy portions of our country, which thus early in their history are producing valuable and far-reaching results.

DIVISION OF WORK.

The Constitution provides that the Board of Managers "shall arrange with the Conference Societies the work to be undertaken by each Conference." This secures to those who raise the money for the support of a mission, the privilege of supervising its work. This arrangement divides the labor, distributes the responsibility throughout the Conferences as rapidly as they will undertake it, and secures the co-operation of the most capable women of the Church in its management.

The territory has been divided for convenience into sections, and placed in the care of committees called Bureaus, with a Secretary for each, whose duty it is to co-operate with the special Conference Committees in charge of the missions included in the territory of the Bureau, communi-

cate their reports to the Executive Board quarterly or oftener, and arrange with the Board the business of the department.

This division was inaugurated a year ago by the Board of Managers, but time is needed to form efficient committees to represent the Conferences and complete the distribution of duty. The wisdom of this provision of the Constitution, we are assured, will become more apparent as our work increases in magnitude and importance.

THE FIELD.

Reports will be presented by the Secretaries of the different Bureaus, which will include the details necessary to insure a good understanding of the work of each, so that in this paper we shall only present the needs of localities not included in the Bureaus, general features of the work, and suggestions for its successful prosecution.

It has been deemed impracticable to commence work this year in the territories assigned to certain departments to which appropriations were made a year ago.

ALASKA.—The great distance and the peculiar conditions necessitating a large outlay to establish and sustain a creditable work there, has discouraged the Board from entering this field that seemed to have been providentially opened to us.

NEW MEXICO.—Although the conditions are such as to appeal strongly to our sympathies, the argument of economy has prevailed. A successful work in that Territory would involve a large expenditure. It would be necessary to support our pupils, many of whom would be orphans, for a period of years, until they should attain sufficient age and become well enough educated to insure their usefulness and influence among their own people. Our Western frontiers include, besides these, the Mormon and Indian Bureaus.

MORMONS.—Our work in behalf of this people is three-fold; the support of missionaries for general evangelistic work, the maintenance of Christian schools for children, and the building of Lucy Hayes school-houses in localities where it is not practicable otherwise to provide accommodations for our mission-schools and work.

The appropriation of \$40,000 made by the government to be applied in the aid of women in escaping from the thralldom of polygamy, and in supplying industrial opportunities that will enable them to become self-supporting, can not fail to prove a most valuable contribution to the missionary influences of the Territory.

INDIANS.—The work of the mission, inaugurated only one year ago at Pawnee, gives promise of great usefulness. The Society was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. F. A. Gaddis, who was accompanied by her son, a lad of fourteen years of age. They have secured the confidence and respect of the Indians and the representatives of the government, and by energy and perseverance have achieved a victory that will encourage the Society in the prosecution of similar work among this deeply wronged people in other sections of our country. The Corresponding

Secretary is profoundly impressed with the necessity of enlarging and strengthening this branch of the Society's work.

SUPPLIES.

This department has rendered valuable aid to the ministers and their families on the frontier, and to our industrial mission-schools. Over a field so vast as our frontiers, it is difficult to secure perfect system in distribution. Time is necessary in order to become acquainted with the missionary needs and opportunities of this immense country, and it is encouraging to know that so much good has been accomplished, and that so few mistakes have been made.

The needs of the mission-schools and Model Homes can be accurately ascertained, and the distribution of aid carefully adjusted to meet the demand.

Supplies are needed in these Model Homes, not only of household goods and clothing for the pupils; but each girl, as she leaves school and enters upon her work of teaching, should be provided with a few simple garments cut and ready to be made, and a supply of patch-work and other materials for the sewing-school that she will start when she returns to her home.

LOCAL OR CITY WORK.

Our large cities are recognized as furnishing a mission-field peculiar and difficult of management.

The Board of Managers at its last annual meeting approved plans for a work in this behalf under a separate Bureau. It was provided that the money thus used should be kept as a distinct fund, reported through the Bureau of City Work, and raised by means that would not interfere with the interests of the general treasury.

This city mission work touchingly appeals to woman's sympathy, and is peculiarly adapted to her influence and sphere of action. It can be successfully united with the local interests of the Church, and may become an efficient means of strengthening its membership and usefulness.

The startling events of the year, resulting in scenes of riot and bloodshed in many places, have demonstrated the necessity of more earnest effort in elevating and evangelizing the ignorant, restless, and vicious populations of our cities. In Newark and Jersey City, N. J., New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati, and other centers, efficient work in this direction has been inaugurated under the auspices of this Society.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR MISSIONARIES.

To insure success in any enterprise requiring delicate management, skilled artists are demanded, and this rule applies with peculiar force in mission work. Gen. Eaton, late Commissioner of Education in Washington, has taken deep interest in the work of our Society, and has repeatedly stated that the difficulty of procuring capable women for teachers in this mission, was the greatest obstacle in the way of prosecuting our special

lines of industrial, moral, and health training, and he has persistently urged the importance of making provision for special instruction for these teachers.

Experience has demonstrated the necessity of this preparation, and now, with the additional opportunity of city work opening before us with almost infinite possibilities of usefulness, we find ourselves confronted with the fact that suitably prepared workers *can not be found*. It is suggested that the work itself will furnish the best school in which to train them, if missionary candidates can be brought together and placed under the guidance and instruction of competent instructors.

THE TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARIES, at Chicago, has been established to meet this great want. It seems admirably adapted to the object, and we look forward to the probability that in the near future similar institutions will be established in other large cities.

These great training-schools for missionaries may co-operate with and supplement the work of the Churches, operating as centers of missionary enterprise, that will send out workers into all parts of the city with messages of light and comfort for the benighted and sorrowing, and with means of relief for the destitute and suffering.

MISSIONS IN THE SOUTH.

The work established by our Society in this section is included in three Bureaus. These will be represented by their respective Secretaries. The Society has here introduced three methods of work—Visitation, or Evangelistic, the Industrial-school, and Domestic Economy as a department of schools of higher education.

1. EVANGELISTIC WORK, like all other sowing, needs a garnering place, if there is a harvest; otherwise the fruit is wasted. Hence this department of our mission work should be systematized, and carried on in connection with a center of sustaining influences, such as a Church, or a School of Domestic Economy. These will furnish the necessary assistance to sustain on a higher moral plane the people reached.

2. THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—In this line Savannah is our representative work. These can only be established in localities where the Church has no efficient school, otherwise the Society would duplicate Church organizations for identical work.

We have interpreted the Constitution to allow us, in such places, to unite with ours the work of the Educational Society, and furnish a school, since without education, moral and industrial training, our legitimate lines of work would be comparatively valueless. In all of our work we have followed what seemed to be providential indications, and this at Savannah has received, so far, a large share of our interest and encouragement.

The Society is fortunate in the intelligent services of two ladies who have manifested the greatest devotion to the cause. They teach the school

of 125 pupils, including 35 children, who are sustained in the Home, and whom they also guide in the duties of housekeeping. They superintend the Sunday-school at Asbury Church, and another a few miles distant, and they have organized a temperance society in the place.

The advocates of this line of work hope that by retaining the children for a period of years, surrounded by the elevating atmosphere of the Home, that a purer and more symmetrical character will be formed, and that these young people, when they arrive at years of maturity, will enter upon lives of usefulness. Would that the Church had the means to provide such a home, and support for the multitudes who are worse than homeless all over our land!

3. DEPARTMENT OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.—This is associated with the schools established by the Church. Using the educational foundation provided by these, promising girls are trained for usefulness while pursuing their studies. The Church has thirty of these schools of higher grade, in which there are 6,000 students. These represent the most intelligent and enterprising element of the population.

Wise educators elsewhere are introducing the industries for both sexes into the schools. In Eastern cities, cooking and other employments for women are made a part of the course of study in public and private schools, and benevolent associations are establishing Schools of Domestic Economy where girls may learn housekeeping and special remunerative employments, as the surest means of saving and elevating the people. Slavery put upon labor the badge of servitude, and the schools in the South, by placing the industries in the course of studies, and grading the pupils in them, as in the sciences, contribute valuable assistance in the removal of this odium.

The Department of Industries for male students includes carpentry, cabinet and carriage making, banking, and the rules of business, book-keeping, printing, architecture, agriculture, etc.

The Department of Industries for girls in the university is distinct in character and management. The fact that the fields of skilled labor are closed to a large portion of our students, except through the instrumentality of the Church schools, gives special importance to this industrial enterprise.

Every well-regulated home is a School of Domestic Economy on a small scale, and since good housekeeping requires a knowledge of chemistry, the science of cooking, the purchase and care of family supplies, household accounts, the cutting and making of garments for the family, vegetable, landscape, and floral gardening, home architecture, æsthetic and decorative art, home sanitation, physiology, hygiene, physical training, the duties of a nurse, and the preparation of food for the sick, with the use of simple remedies, dress-making and millinery, our Department should aim to give, at least, practical elementary instruction in all these lines of study. Other remunerative employments can be introduced when practicable.

Certain of these studies belong to the regular school course, and our

teachers being members of the faculty of the schools, can secure harmony in the adjustment of these to our work.

The success achieved by the Model Home, accommodating a family of twelve or sixteen girls, such as we have in several places in connection with the large schools of our Church, has demonstrated the utility of the work undertaken, and suggests the importance of increasing the facilities of this department, as our means will allow. In a school of 300 to 500 pupils, from 100 to 200 girls, at least, should come daily into the classes of our special instructors, and as many as possible of the girls should enjoy the advantages of the Model Homes. Larger buildings are not needed, but more of them. The family idea must be preserved in our work. They have lived all their life long in cabins destitute of conveniences and comforts—have little idea of social life and order, or the sacredness of the family. The Model Home unfolds to them, for imitation, a pure, beautiful home life.

The young men are equally impressed by its example, and these students will carry the ideal all over the South. During the last year four of these homes, one at Little Rock, Ark., another at Holly Springs, Miss., the third at Atlanta, Ga., and the fourth at Orangeburg, S. C., have been in successful operation. The fifth has recently been opened at Jacksonville, Fla., and the sixth at Greensboro, N. C. During the year over 300 girls in these schools have received instruction in sewing, and many have made considerable proficiency in cooking, the drafting of garments, and in dress-making. Forty-seven girls have been inmates of the Homes, and two-thirds of these have entered upon teaching and active mission work.

Our Superintendents have labored in the schools among the students, and in the neighboring communities in temperance and evangelistic lines, organizing prayer-circles, Sabbath-schools, and temperance associations. Every girl in our Homes has been converted, who had not been before her admission into the Home. The schools with which our work may be associated are growing rapidly, thus broadening the field, and it seems wise to arrange our plans and buildings, when inaugurating work, so as to profit by these providential conditions.

WORK IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

The State of Texas, which is thirty-two times larger than the State of Massachusetts, furnishes a vast field for missionary effort. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is organized in its two Conferences, and has rendered efficient aid to the people.

In the West Texas, Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Conference Secretary, has traveled extensively, organizing auxiliaries, and instructing the people on questions of morals, temperance, and Christian living. Many homes have been reformed, and promising girls have been encouraged to attend the industrial schools.

Mrs. Howells has rendered similar service in the Texas Conference. Besides this, for several years she has made her home an industrial school,

taking into it a number of orphans—girls and boys—and has given them practical teaching and the rudiments of education, to enable them to enter schools of higher grade. The Texas Conference Society, inspired by her persevering effort, has purchased fifty acres of land and erected a building on it for an orphanage and school.

The Corresponding Secretary recommends that these two Conferences be granted a relation to our Society, which will enable them to organize and sustain mission work within their own bounds under its auspices, making their appropriations subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and sending vouchers for the money expended. Also, that a suitable appropriation be made for the traveling expenses of Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Howells, to enable them to continue their missionary work. Our Society can not appropriately take charge of the school at Harrisburg, unless the authorities of the Church should authorize it to undertake school work in that section. But Wiley University, the Church school at Marshall, furnishes an encouraging field for a Department of Domestic Economy. The Executive Board approved the establishing of our work there, by authorizing the collection of funds for the erection of a Model Home. A considerable amount has been pledged for this object, and we earnestly hope that the enterprise may be consummated at an early date.

ORGANIZATION.

This work has advanced encouragingly during the year. Several Conference Societies have been formed, and organization in others strengthened. The statistical report will indicate the increase.

The opposition which has interfered with the introduction and prosecution of the work is passing away as its importance and utility are better understood. Said a leading minister, "I strongly opposed the introduction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society into our Conference four years ago, because I was led to think it would interfere with another branch of mission work, and we already had agencies enough to meet all our needs; but when the Secretaries of other general societies of the Church and several bishops assured me that they approved the work, and urged its organization as necessary to meet a great want in our Church economy, I at once gave it cordial support."

Mission work is a soul-saving work, beginning at home with our own conversion, and extending to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Home missionary work is the foundation of all foreign. Unless the home field be carefully cultivated, support for the foreign will fail. Unless the field that furnishes supplies for the world's conversion be worked vigorously for Christ that it may have a plentiful harvest, seed to scatter in heathen lands, and toilers to cultivate them; harvests there will be small and toilers few.

The reflex argument of foreign in behalf of home missions is still more weighty in the interest of home missions to secure success for foreign.

In organizing our work, it is sometimes objected that the same women should not engage officially in the work of two missionary societies. To this we answer: The Church from its organization has been training its women for Christian work by the efforts of its ministry, in Sabbath-school, in class-meeting, and in home or local missionary work. These godly women belong to the Church and to Christ. They entered the first missionary society formed—which was a foreign society—but this has no pre-emption right to their services for all subsequent time.

The Church, whose they are, has now recognized another branch of woman's work, and the General Conference places it before us with equal authority. Shall all these trained workers turn a deaf ear to this call of God and the Church, and decline to enter upon this Home Mission work, which is alike essential to the preservation of our own country and the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands, simply because they were first enrolled in the foreign society?

Shall we not as Christian women, like our brethren, cultivate sympathy with all the benevolent enterprises of our Church, contribute according to our ability for their support, and with prayer and effort labor for their success? Genuine symmetrical Christian character can not be developed so successfully in the prosecution of a single section of Christian benevolence, as in the whole sphere of Christian giving and doing. The benevolent enterprises of the Church, like the sciences, are united by a common bond, each reflecting light, beauty, and strength, upon the others, and all are equally dear to our Father in heaven.

The important relation that this country sustains to the world's evangelization, must not be overlooked at this crisis. Our beloved Bishop Wiley, who had thoroughly studied the social and moral conditions in many countries—who had given the best years of his life to our missions in foreign lands, and who sleeps under the olives trees at Foochow, said, "The most important work that we can do for China, India, Japan, and Africa, is to take the best possible care of the evangelization of this country, from which the forces are to come by which these other countries are to be evangelized."

We wish the work of our sisters in foreign lands unlimited success. We will join hands with them in raising the banner of Jesus upon the highest peaks of heathenism all over the world, and we earnestly appeal to all who love the cause of Christ, to sympathize with and aid us in our efforts in behalf of our own land, beset with so many perils. Help us, we pray you, with your experience, your prayers, and your money, in saving a country so essential to the conversion of the whole world.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ORGANIZATION.

Convenient forms have been provided for the quarterly reports of organization and receipts. These are furnished the Conference and Auxiliary officers through the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conference Societies. Promptness and accuracy in making these statements are very essential to the success of our work. The following table indicates encour-

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Central New York Conference.

THE past year has seen some advance within the bounds of our Conference. Ten auxiliaries and three juvenile societies have been organized, making a total of twenty-two auxiliaries, one Young Ladies' Circle, and four Juvenile Bands. Our membership numbers 775; and the number of subscribers to *Home Missions* is 277. The Juvenile Bands report 82 members.

Two District meetings have been held, one on Ithaca District, and one at Syracuse District Camp-meeting. Miss McIntosh was present at the latter meeting, and told us of her work in the A. L. Smith Home, at Little Rock, Ark. Dr. Gray addressed the Conference Society at its anniversary meeting. We are certain that Home Mission work is winning the hearts of our people, and that the interest is increasing.

Mrs. C. E. Mogg, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Ohio Conference.

THE Conference, consisting of six districts, is fully officered with excellent women, who are zealous and efficient co-laborers. Our annual meeting held at Sidney was an interesting one, and gave a new impetus to the work of the Conference:

Auxiliaries, ...	33	Annual Members, ...	676
Young Ladies Circles, ...	4	Young Lady Members, ...	109
Children's Bands, ...	5	Children Members, ...	182
Contributing Churches without or-		Life Members, ...	22
ganizations, ...	14	Honorary Managers, ...	5
		Honorary Patrons, ...	1

DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

IN presenting our Annual Report, we hope for clemency from our older sister Conferences in sentence passed upon our work, asking them to remember our youth and inexperience as a Conference Society, since our organization was only effected last March, and accordingly "let judgment be tempered with mercy."

We are in the formative period, but, we trust, are laying deep and sure the foundation for more rapid and successful work in the future. By careful survey we have become acquainted with "the lay of the land," and thus are prepared for more systematic effort and organization. The appointment of myself in May as Conference Secretary retarded rather than advanced the work, as I could give it but little attention until late in June, and then was wholly unacquainted with the tactics of "this holy war." But the rank and file of our auxiliaries have nobly rallied to my support, and the intelligent, consecrated ladies of our Executive Board in Harrisburg, have been my safe and wise counselors. There is yet much land to be possessed by us, but as we look out over the field from this our annual observatory, we see many portions sown with good seed, which promise a rich harvest, while some golden sheaves have been already garnered, which we gladly lay as offerings of love at the Blessed Master's feet.

The following statistics show the condition of our work:

Number of Auxiliaries, ...	8	Increase,	6
“ “ Juvenile Societies, ...	2	“	1
“ “ Young Ladies' Circles, ...	2	“	2
Total membership, ...	240	“	145
Mother's Jewels, ...	5	“	5
Subscribers to Home Missions, ...	67	“	50
Districts organized, ...	4	“	4
Membership dues, ...	\$66 00	“	\$46 34
Beneficiaries aided, ...			4
To Lucy Hayes' School-house Fund from Milton Auxiliary, ...			\$10 00
“ Mrs. Gaddis, from Williamsport Auxiliary, 1 pkg., valued at			50 00
“ Rev. S. W. Martin, Kearney, Neb., from Chambersburg Auxil- iliary, 3 pkgs., valued at			106 70
“ Rev. G. H. Gidson, Amity, Ark., from Harrisburg, Grace Auxil- iliary, 1 bbl., valued at			75 00

Most of the auxiliaries are doing well and working in divers ways. Some have prayer-meetings, in which extracts of missionary news and letters from missionaries are read; entertainments are given by others, and there is a general desire all along the line to *advance*.

MRS. C. N. OWEN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Cincinnati Conference.

By reference to the Quarterly Statistical Reports, given in *Home Missions*, it will be seen that the Home Missionary Society of the Cincinnati Conference has enjoyed a continuous, if not a rapid growth; and, while the figures to be presented will represent neither the full realization of the hopes, or the fulfillment of the purposes of the Conference and District officers, yet the measure of success in the past and the signs of promise for the future are such as to warrant us in looking forward hopefully to the labors and rewards of another year of service in the Home Mission field. The monthly meetings of auxiliaries have been occasions of spiritual profit. We rejoice in the number of those added to our ranks, whose hearts the Lord hath touched; while we point with peculiar satisfaction to the evidences of constantly increasing interest among the children and young people. Those who have had the happiness of engaging in this department of the work have abundant reason to rejoice in the rich promise which this field affords.

Three of our four organized districts have held meetings during the year. The Second Annual Meeting of the Conference Society was held in First Church, Xenia, the first week in June, and was an occasion of great interest and profit. We were favored with the presence of several members of the Executive Board; the Secretary of the Bureau of Organization and the publisher of our valuable paper were also with us, and, in response to their appeals, pledges for 300 additional subscribers to *Home Missions* were given. Two names were also added to our list of Life members. During the session of the Annual Conference at Piqua, in September, an afternoon was devoted to the interests of the Home Mission work, at which time interesting addresses were delivered by Bishop Walden, Rev. Dr. Ridgaway, of Evanston, and others.

In addition to the funds paid into the General Treasury, most of our auxiliaries, by voluntary contributions, the proceeds of entertainments, etc., have so added to their funds as to manifest in a substantial manner their interest in every department of the Society's work—our Industrial Homes, Indian Mission, Utah field, local work, etc. In the Supply Department, the nature of the demand being such as appeals to the sympa-

evidences the need of the library just founded. Our hearts have not failed to go out warmly toward the whole great field of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we have contributed to the funds of the General Treasury. Three hundred Annual Reports have been sent out in the Conference Society, and about 1,000 leaflets regarding the general work. Besides this, 3,000 leaflets in regard to frontier work in Michigan have been circulated. The signs are all hopeful for the coming year, and we who have borne the burden and the heat of the day, behold many others coming now with willing hands and hearts to aid us in our labor of love.

EMMA WINNER ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Erie Conference.

THE sixth year of our Conference Society closes as follows:

Organizations effected this year, ...	8	
Total Organizations, ...	78	Decrease, 20
Honorary Managers, ...	3	Increase, 1
Life Members, ...	41	" 13
Annual Members, ...	1,649	Decrease, 578
Mother's Jewels, ...	45	Increase, 3
Woman's Home Missions, ...	482	Decrease, 29
Mite-boxes in use, ...	297	Increase, 77

FINANCES.

The detailed report of our new and efficient Conference Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Beck, will be found in its appropriate place in the report of the General Treasurer.

Our fifth year was remarkably prosperous. We had a very large increase in organizations and membership, and also in financial returns. This, our Sixth Annual Report, shows a large *decrease* in the number of organizations and members; but the fact that the total of moneys and mission supplies lacks but a little over one hundred dollars of being equal to that of last year, proves that we have had a prosperous year, and have great reason to thank God and take courage. It is proper to state that thirteen of the Societies retained on our list were inactive, and do not appear in the financial report; but believing they are simply in a state of "suspended animation," we retain them, hoping they will soon be restored. It is a question of interest to many Conference Societies whether it is expedient to employ an organizer, when it is impracticable for their own officers to accomplish the work of organizing in due time. The experience we have had justifies us in saying, *It is*. Probably there will always be a considerable loss in the first numerical returns, but the gain in permanent numbers and in money, in the first year even, will demonstrate the wisdom of the investment. There is another question, which, we doubt not, has presented itself to many workers. How can we bring into our societies those who can not afford to pay the annual membership fee of one dollar? To *belong* to a Society is necessary for any real and continued interest in its meetings and work. In our Conference we have had, the past three years, a By-law constituting any person holding a mite-box and paying its contents quarterly or semi-annually to the treasurer of the auxiliary, an *associate member* of the auxiliary. But our desires go out yet further, and we would fain gather *all* into our Society on some plan by which those who can pay but little shall be regular members. We see, in the fulfillment of this, all our dear sisters enjoying our precious meetings, becoming informed and interested in this great work for souls, having their own souls blessed (as ours have been), and our treasury enriched by many a "mite" made priceless in value by prayers and self-denial. Mrs. Alice G. Bentley, by her donation to Haven Home, is constituted an Honorary

Manager. Mrs. Bentley is seventy-five years of age. How lovely and blessed is such a life, filled with good works down to its very close! Our two missionaries, Miss Viola E. Baldwin and Miss Emma L. Jolls, are very dear to our hearts. Sweet, noble girls! their praise is greatest where they are best known.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

CLARION DISTRICT.—The Clarion Young Ladies' Circle has assumed the support of Susan Jackson in Haven Home. That wonderful Edenburg "Lucy Hayes Band," all little folks, last year made their beloved Directress, Miss Keatley, Life member, and this year made their pastor, Rev. J. H. Keeley, Life member, besides collecting a handsome sum for the "Nickel Fund."

ERIE DISTRICT.—The Fredonia (N. Y.) "Blanche Blair" Circle (in which Miss Jolls was an officer) entertained the Annual District Meeting last June. A State normal school is located here, in which Miss Blanche Blair is a teacher, and the members are largely pupils in the school. The Society has a room in the church building, carpeted and fitted up for their use—a sewing-machine, clothes-presses, etc., and sends each year uncommonly valuable supplies to the frontier and to other points. This year they provided the church with flowers each Sabbath, and had charge of the Easter decorations. Westfield Young Ladies' Circle, a *grand* Circle, expects to entertain the District Meeting next year. Brockton Band of Little Girls are such enthusiastic workers that the little boys emulated them and pieced a quilt, and quilted it, too. Erie First Church Willing Workers, organized by Mrs. Willing, are busy preparing a box for Harrisburg, Texas.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.—Two Millertown Mother's Jewels, Genevieve Showalter and Lizzie Aldinger, four years old, were sent out by their mammas to gather for the "Nickel Fund." One of them carried the book and the other a mite-box, and like busy bees they came back *laden*, having \$7.76 for the Fund.

JAMESTOWN DISTRICT.—The Cory Young Ladies' Circle has adopted little Jane Ann Baker in Haven Home. Sherman Young Ladies' Circle made their pastor's wife, Mrs. C. W. Miner, a Life member. Jamestown (N. Y.) Mite-box Circle sent a valuable box of supplies to Haven Home.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT.—The Townville "Lucy Hayes Band," brave under difficulties, are planning largely for next year. Rockville Young Ladies' Circle keep up their good record. Edinboro Young Ladies' Circle (here is located a State normal school) made their pastor, Rev. A. W. Decker, Life member. Spartansburg Band sent their money to the little girls in Haven Home. Center Chapel and Espyville Lucy Hayes' Bands have done good work in supplies and moneys.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—Fredonia (Pa.) Band and Sandy Lake Young People's Circle never fail to send their Mite-box offerings, and hold lovely anniversaries. Stoneboro "Seed Sowers," very new, but so anxious to *do* something, began by collecting for the Nickel Fund.

BENEFICIARIES.

Titusville Auxiliary (Miss Starkweather and Mrs. Tarbell largely contributing) supported Anna Jacobs in Claflin University, and Sarah Boyd in Haven Home. The Auxiliary has completed payment for the Anna Hadeen Room in Haven Home. Oil City Trinity Church Auxiliary, supported by their scholarship in Haven Home, Eliza Whitlock and Belle Martin. Octavia McNeal will be supported next year.

STRATTONVILLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

Chautauqua, famous the world around, is located within this Conference; but all its program is properly national or cosmopolitan. But a

miniature Chautauqua, the Strattonville Sunday-school Assembly, was inaugurated last July by the Presiding Elder, Rev. D. Latshaw, and the pastors of Clarion District, for the benefit of their District, and in the original plan a permanent place is given on the program to the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Conference. Our meeting was, we believe, auspicious of our successful future. Bishop Andrews made the address for the Home, and Dr. Thoburn for the Foreign work.

OUR OWN INDIANS.

A part of an Indian Reservation lies within the bounds of Erie Conference, and we have looked with yearning hearts upon the poor semi-civilized and semi-Christianized Indian women and children. Last year we planned to visit the field and open work there, but could not, and this year the hindrances remain. We will not abandon the intention, and we pray God to open our way to carry the blessings of the Gospel of his dear Son to these, our sisters.

MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Florida Conference.

THE work of the Society here grows slowly but surely. This year the interest is greater than any previous one, as the people begin to realize the good that is being accomplished by the Society in the establishment of the Industrial Home (Boylan) here. The auxiliaries at St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Fernandina, and Cedar Keys are in a flourishing condition, and are ambitious to do something toward paying off the indebtedness on the Home. One desires to name a room, another to furnish one, and still others are persistently plying the needle piecing quilts for use in rooms in the Home.

Our Society also has a very efficient missionary here, who is now in charge of the Home, which was purchased late in the Spring, and opened on June 1st for the admission of girls. Since then six have enjoyed its advantages, and there are seven in it at the present time. Classes for instruction in sewing, cutting, planning, etc., have also met steadily at the Home during the Summer, and lessons in the kitchen garden have been given to the delight and edification of the little ones. Bible readings and religious instruction have been combined with other exercises, so that hand, head, and heart, each has its share—trusting that the means will be blessed by the Master to make the owners models wherever they go. One of the inmates of the Home during the Summer went to teach a school, and on leaving said to the matron, "I've learned something good every day I have been here." Barrels of clothing have been sent here by auxiliaries in the North, and garments have been distributed in one place alone to the number of sixty-five. This number would be greatly increased had we a correct list of all distributed. Owing to the incompleteness of quarterly reports, and also to the fact that much done outside in local work is *indifferently* reported, or *not at all*, I feel I can not make a full and *correct* statement of what has been done during the year.

MRS. S. B. DARNELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Genesee Conference.

THE Home Missionary Society of Genesee Conference was organized in Rochester, N. Y., on the 11th of April, 1886, by Mrs. J. F. Willing. Our six months of existence do not show as large results as we could desire, and yet a steady growth and an increasing interest has been developed which are most encouraging for the future. On the 5th of August we had a very interesting meeting which was held at Camp Wesley at the

close of our Conference Camp-meeting. Mrs. Dr. Rust was with us, and gave an earnest, practical address, which awakened a deep interest in the work of the Society; and many who had been sincere in their opposition to this new organization in our Church and Conference were now desirous to become active workers in our ranks.

Our first anniversary was held on the 2d of October, during the Conference session, and was a decided success. Bishop Mallalien kindly consented to deliver the address. The spacious church, in which the meeting was held, was completely filled by an audience which listened with rapt attention to the Bishop's eloquent portrayal of the need which exists in our own land for the work which is being done by this Society. He also gave a glowing account of the great good which has been already accomplished, and related several instances which had fallen under his own observation where physical suffering had been alleviated, and a number of conversions immediately followed. As a direct result of this earnest address, we received a fine collection and 126 subscribers to our paper. I regret to say that, as yet, we have in our Conference only six auxiliaries, and one very enthusiastic Mission Band; but we have an assured hope that this number will be increased in the near future. We have 496 annual members, four Life members, and 259 subscribers to "Woman's Home Missions."

Our Mission Band has taken upon itself the support of a girl in the Haven Home; and although but six months have passed since its organization, the full amount required for her support one year has been raised, and the girls are eagerly asking, "What shall we do next?" Nearly all of our auxiliaries have packed, or are packing, barrels of supplies to be sent to the needy in the South and on the frontiers. The amount of money that we have sent to the general treasury will be found in the Treasurer's report. We hope to be able to report many more auxiliaries formed, and far greater results achieved during the coming year.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Indiana Conference.

ONE year ago I was chosen Secretary of this Conference. At that time four auxiliaries, with a membership of ninety, were reported to me, but I was not able to find more than three. These were in the various charges in Indianapolis. Soon the cry came from Mooresville for help in Home Mission work; not, however, until through the untiring energy of Mrs. W. B. Collins, fourteen subscribers for the paper, and seventeen names for membership had been secured and an organization was effected. The number has gradually increased until at present there is a membership of twenty-nine, and the Society is doing effectual work.

Mrs. Willing rendered excellent service in Indianapolis in reviving interest among the members and in preparing the way for an organization in Blackford Street charge, with thirty-nine members and nineteen subscribers, and a Juvenile Band, numbering twenty-four. This Band is now asking for work in Utah. During the year other organizations have been effected as follows: At Center Point, Bowling Green, Pleasantville, and Vinton. We now have a membership of 220, with 99 subscribers to the paper. We have not accomplished what we had hoped, but as we have gone forth in weakness to sow we have felt the sweetness of God's blessing, and our hearts have been strangely drawn to this line of his work. We are encouraged when we remember that,

Not the smallest seed we scatter
From our hand shall fall in vain.

ELIZABETH KENNEDY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Illinois Conference.

A FRIEND said to me not long since, "Montana is a large country, with a large future." Why so? "Because it is all in the future. Great resources are undeveloped; the future must be great." And so, ladies, I come to you from the Illinois Conference, one of our largest Conferences, and say *there* is a great future for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. I took the work of Conference Secretary, January 1, 1886, under protest, feeling that family cares and duties were too great to admit of my doing this work properly, and with the understanding that I would only do the clerical work, for I could not consent to go up and down through the Conference and do the organizing. It is needless to say to you, who are engaged in this work of the Master, that it has done me great good. I can not say that I have done the work good. I opened a vigorous correspondence to ascertain what had been done, realizing that I must write many letters, with few replies. The encouraging letters I received were a benediction, and were more numerous than I had expected.

We have held four Conference Society meetings. We presented the Society at our Ministers' District meeting, and distributed our literature among the ministers at that time, which was very eagerly received. I have distributed 125 Annual Reports, sent specimens of all our leaflets, addresses and Constitutions to every auxiliary. Have also sent the blanks to the officers every quarter, and with one exception have received prompt reports. The Young Ladies' Circle at Champaign have paid the requisite amount to name a room at Holly Springs "Light Bearers," their own Society name. The Mission Band, "Golden Links," of the First Church, Bloomington, are supporting a girl in Haven Home, paying sixty dollars per year. May our Father bless in the future, as he has in the past, the work of this Society in the Illinois Conference!

MRS. H. W. BENNETT, *Conference Secretary.*

Louisiana Conference.

Number of Auxiliary Societies, ...	78
" " Members "	1,966
" " Life Members, ...	2
" " Mission-schools, ...	17
" " Subscribers to <i>Woman's Home Missions</i> , ...	24
Money raised for local needs, ...	\$275 00

WORK OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

Religious Visits made, ...	3,188
" Meetings held, ...	220
Letters written for our work, ...	1,080
Garments given to the poor, ...	800
Tracts distributed, ...	8,000
Conversions, ...	200

JOSEPHINE COWGILL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Michigan Conference.

THE Michigan Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society celebrated its Second Anniversary Sept. 19, 1886. Another milestone in life's journey is passed; another year with its varied experiences has closed.

To many it has been the messenger of sorrow and bereavement, to others the herald of glad tidings. To all of us it has been one of the *many opportunities* the Master gives us in which we may labor for him, the right improvement of which, he will require at our hands. Our progress has not been very rapid, but we are surely growing. The work has taken deeper hold upon the hearts of our people, and we believe, though it takes time for preparing the ground and sowing the seed, we shall gather abundant fruit in the near future.

The amount asked of us for our frontier work was larger this year than last, and while we would gladly have responded to the calls in the general field, our hearts giving responsive throbs to every cry of suffering humanity, we have been unable to meet *fully* our obligations to our frontier ministers; but I am certain that many a home has had some rifts of sunshine, that there have been some

Burdens lightened,
And hopes brightened
In the toiling pastor's way,

- that would not have been, but for our Woman's Home Missionary Society. At our Conference Anniversary it was stated, "that the failure of the crops this year from drought, will make the needs much greater, and that absolute *want* was before some homes." The presiding elders of these Northern districts have said to us "they should be under the necessity of withdrawing their men from the field, unless their support could be largely pledged from our Society." It is a blessed privilege to carry the Gospel into foreign fields, but many at *home* "perish for lack of knowledge," and "how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they are sent;" and how shall we send them without adequate support? It is plain that our work lies within the bounds of our own Conference also.

LOCAL WORK.

The ladies of the Jackson Auxiliary undertook the special work of building a church in Hersey, in Big Rapids District, contributing for this purpose \$102.50—\$93.50 in cash, and \$9.00 in paper for wall decoration. This, with the pastor's labor thrown in—he being a practical painter, paper-hanger, and carpenter as well—enabled him to complete and dedicate a nice little church worth \$400, which is—to put it his own words—"the neatest church in the county."

The present condition of our Conference Society is as follows:

Total number of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, . . .	36	Increase,	10
" number Members, ...	83½	"	442
" number Life Members, ...	14	"	7
" number Honorary Managers, ...	1	"	1
" subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , ...	222	"	145
" number Mother's Jewels, ...	15	"	15

We have one District organization on Ionia District, organized by Mrs. L. K. Showman.

Total cash collected, ...	\$910 62	Increase,	\$442 62
" supplies (73 pkgs.), ...	2,250 00	"	1,099 93
" local work, ...	349 42	"	275 42
" cash, supplies, and local work, ...	3,510 04	"	1,817 97
Number beneficiaries aided, ...			57

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Minnesota Conference.

THE Minnesota Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society is an infant, twenty-two days old. It was organized after a thrilling address by Mrs. J. F. Willing, October 7, 1886, at the Conference Session held in Stillwater, Minn., Mrs. S. G. Smith, President. We have but two auxiliaries with a membership of 225, and about 47 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*. We have 2 Life members; \$11.50 came into our treasury too late to appear in our Annual Report for this year.

This Conference had for several years an association known as the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. The work of this Society was to furnish money and supplies to their own pioneer preachers on the frontier. Until now they have had no connection with our Home Missionary Society. Each of their auxiliaries will no doubt, as soon as we can reach them, come into line, and we hope soon to report to our Conference Secretary a large increase of membership. Our Conference Board has entered the work enthusiastically, and "with a God to guide our way," we expect during the coming year to do efficient service for the cause so dear to our hearts, and we know to the great heart of the Infinite; for "the last business of Christ's life was to save a poor penitent thief."

A. C. MORROW, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Nebraska Conference.

THE active work done in the Conference, aside from correspondences has been wrought by other hands. The Industrial Christian Home Enterprise has absorbed my entire time and energies. Eight months I was absent from the State—a Congressional appropriation for Utah of \$40,000 is the compensation.

Mrs. Spurlock has given twelve public addresses in behalf of the Home Missionary Society in the Churches of the State, and represented the work at the Conference. The pastors manifest earnest sympathy, and are eager to have auxiliaries formed in their charges. Miss Mary H. Walters, the Conference Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, resigned her position at the Conference session, and has entered upon the duties of City Missionary for the Home Society at Provo, Utah Territory. In giving Miss Walters to this desolate field, the Nebraska Conference has given *much*; a rarer spirit has never moved among us.

The Industrial Home is already open, and under the official charge of Dr. Ruth M. Wood, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia, a physician of eminent ability, who has served as Medical Director in several Eastern institutions. She is a most valued acquisition to the Christian forces in Utah. In view of all these facts, and remembering the high service rendered by Mrs. Spurlock as City Missionary in Utah, and the impulse she is now communicating to the Churches in arousing interest in the work of the Home Missionary Society, we feel that the Nebraska Conference has not been found wanting. With the scales in God's hands, the weight must be in her favor, though as Secretary I am able to tabulate few statistics.

ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New England Conference.

THE New England Conference Home Missionary Society is slowly but surely and steadily winning its way into the sympathies of our people. The Conference Society celebrated its fifth anniversary in the People's Church, Boston, October 4, 1886. Delegates, representing thirty-one dif-

ferent Churches in the Conference, were present. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. Wm. N. Brodbeck, of Tremont Street Church, Boston, and Miss French, a missionary, employed by the Congregational Society, and working in Provo, Utah. These were listened to by an appreciative audience, and the work received thereby an impulse of increased enthusiasm in behalf of Home Missions. It is with feelings of gratitude that we present the following statement of the present condition of the work within the Conference:

Auxiliaries, ...	33	Increase,	15
Children's Bands, ...	3	"	3
Organizations, ...	36		18
Annual Members, ...	987	"	328
Life Members, ...	66	"	30
Honorary Managers, ...	6	"	
Subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , ...	449	"	169
Mother's Jewels, ...	10		

More than \$2,000 were raised during the past year, and also a large quantity of miscellaneous supplies. Cards for a new Home at Atlanta have been sent throughout the Conference. This enterprise has specially appealed to many friends in our Conference, and a considerable sum has been collected for the purpose of erecting this model Home, to which Mrs. Gammon, of Illinois, has generously offered to contribute.

We rejoice in the fact that the plan for local work, approved a year ago by the Board of Managers, is being carried on with good results in connection with the Lynn Common Auxiliary. The first District meeting, held in Dorchester, March 18, 1886, was arranged for by Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Watkins, and proved very successful in interest and attendance. At Asbury Grove and Framingham Camp-grounds union meetings of the Woman's Foreign and Home Societies were held and largely attended. The increased collections and the hearty good-will seemed to betoken the speedy coming of the days when the women of our Church will gladly co-operate in the work at home and abroad. Two Christian ladies, of culture and refinement, have given themselves to the work, and will enter the missionary field when their services are needed. A young lady in the junior class of Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, has decided to give herself to the Home Missionary work, and we trust this is but the forerunner of a long line of zealous workers that shall go out from Wilbraham to carry light to those who sit in darkness. Although much in the way of securing interest in the cause and effecting organizations has been accomplished, we remember that very many charges are still unorganized. However, rejoicing in the good work recorded, we look forward hopefully to the future, feeling assured that the New England Conference will not long fail in duty where Church and country unite so earnestly in the appeal.

MISS MARIA NEWHALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New England Southern Conference.

IN the First Annual Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society the name of a Corresponding Secretary for the New England Southern Conference appears—a lone representative of the cause in the Conference. In the Second Annual Report, a Conference Society is reported with five auxiliaries; in the Third, seven; and in the Fourth, ten. The present year we report seventeen, with others in a formative state. Letters and

literature have been sent out, without counting cost or labor. Pledge cards for collecting funds for our special work, the building of the Camden Home, have been sent all over the Conference—even "Jerusalem, has been searched with candles"—and these cards have gone into many corners, and information concerning our work has thus been diffused. Along with these our leaflets on all branches of our work have gone. Our cause has been presented each year at our camp-meetings, and this year the interest has been much greater than usual. At Yarmouth, Dr. Morrison, Presiding Elder, who has always been ready to confer with and aid us in arranging and presenting our work, did royal service to our cause, as also did Drs. Westwood and Whitaker, of Providence. At Willimantic our own Bishop Mallalieu moved the people in his earnest appeals for co-operation on the part of all with the Home Society. At both these meetings a joint committee of the Woman's Foreign and Home Societies was appointed to draw up and present a petition to the Camp-meeting Association for a day for their work, during camp-meeting week.

In our special work, that of erecting a building for an Industrial School, and Model Home, at Camden, S. C., we find our accumulated funds sufficient to warrant our entering upon the work of building as soon as the general derangement of business following the earthquakes in the State shall have subsided. We propose to provide facilities for the instruction and improvement of the many promising girls from the surrounding country, which embraces the rich cotton-belt with its large plantations. These girls can provide in part for their own support, by boarding themselves, and yet have the benefits of the social life of the Home. Our rooms will be arranged with a view to evangelistic efforts for the women and girls. We hope this Industrial school and Home will come to be the Mount Holyoke of South Carolina.

MRS. JAMES MATHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Hampshire Conference.

THERE has been a general advance in sentiment in our Conference during the past year, regarding the importance of Home Missionary work. We have at present thirty-two auxiliaries and Juvenile Bands, most of which are zealous in good works. Owing to ill-health, Mrs. Alger, our former efficient Secretary, was compelled to resign her office, but the increase and interest of the work in the New Hampshire Conference during the year has been largely due to her faithful endeavors.

While we by no means under-estimate the day of small things in this important branch of work, yet our faith assures us that many who now see through a glass darkly in this cause of so great importance to our national life, will soon see "face to face," and thus help carry the message of the Gospel of Christ to the multitudes who are now perishing for want of that which it is our privilege to bestow. We rejoice that so much has been accomplished, while we are looking for a continual growth in this important line of Christian endeavor. Our special interest during the year has centered in the "Boylan Home," to which valuable contributions have been made. We have great expectations for the future of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, because we go forth in the name of the Lord our God "to seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away." MRS. N. H. KNOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Jersey Conference.

THE interest in the Woman's Home Missionary Society is growing in our Conference. Our head-quarters have been established at Trenton, and we have live meetings.

The Ocean Grove Anniversary in which the Newark, Philadelphia, and New Jersey Conferences are especially interested was a success. Able speakers did our cause grand service. We regret the loss of Mrs. Dr. H. H. Read, who has removed to another Conference. We now number twelve auxiliaries with 465 members, and two Mission Bands with twenty members, and have 174 subscribers to our paper. There are 287 Mite-boxes in circulation. Supplies have been sent to the value of \$538.50. The money forwarded to the General Fund will be reported by the Treasurer. In addition, we have raised \$96.43 for Contingent Fund, and the auxiliaries of Trenton have collected \$150 for local work; making a total of more than \$1,000. So the prophecy of a year ago is fulfilled. The little one has become a thousand.

We have decided on Morristown, Tenn., as our field of work for next year. Our Conference Board does not deem it wise to pledge any fixed sum for this work. Yet we will earnestly and gladly do all we can.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York Conference.

THE first full year of the existence of the New York Conference Society has witnessed an increase of thirteen organizations, and growing interest in the cause of Home Missions! We can now report:

Auxiliaries, ...	14
Young Ladies Mission Circles, ...	5
Juvenile Bands, ...	5
Committees, ...	1
Total Number of Societies, ...	25
Subscribers to <i>Woman's Home Missions</i> , ...	350

Much interest is taken in sending out Mission supplies, and valuable boxes and barrels have been sent during the year to ministers' families on the frontier, to Homes and schools, and to local charities. Our own worthy Five Points Mission has been generously remembered by our auxiliaries. The auxiliary in Twenty-fourth Street Church, New York City, the first-born among us, always abundant in love and labor, sent a box of blessing to a struggling woman in an adjoining city, who is making the weary struggle with poverty and ill-health, under which so many go down. That this Society may stimulate to just such practical love of the neighbor as this, is greatly to be desired.

The Mission Circles and Children's Bands are doing good work. "Home Missions" seems to appeal especially to the young people, and had we an organizer who could give time and strength to the work, these efficient little societies could be indefinitely multiplied, and become both a power and a blessing in our Churches. Work has been begun at Castle Garden during the year, and we are glad to report a well-equipped missionary, Mrs. Helen A. Mathews, engaged in this most interesting and needy field.

With growing appreciation of the work, and growing faith and hope among the workers, we thank God and take courage as we enter upon a new year of service and blessing.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Ohio Conference.

THE North Ohio Conference Society has been one of steady growth from the beginning. Our people are not sensational, but their intelligent enthusiasm can be relied upon from one year to another. During the last

year, Mrs. G. A. Hughes, our efficient Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, was compelled to retire from office by reason of overwork. Subsequently the burden was divided, and a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer were appointed separately. Since that time we have been learning our trades; but we trust the work has not suffered in our hands. We held our annual session at Sandusky, June 10th and 11th, where we were visited by Mesdames Hayes and Rust, who were a very great source of inspiration and encouragement to us. In the evening Mrs. Hayes presided over a large and crowded meeting, which Mrs. Rust addressed on the work as a whole. A good degree of interest was manifested, and three life members were made. A full quota of efficient officers for each District was elected, who are now actively at work. They have their encouragements and their discouragements; but, on the whole, the outlook is promising.

The Society authorized the Corresponding Secretary to provide Conference stationery, containing a Conference Directory, for letter-head, and a card of general directions on the reverse side of the page. This has been done, and it has been found very helpful. During the year we have named thirteen life members, the payments of which are all complete but three. At the meeting of the Norwalk Auxiliary next prior to his death, the late Rev. Joseph Jones visited the meeting, made his wife a life member, and reported that he had deposited with the Missionary Society \$2,000 as a fund, the interest of which, in a state of inheritance, shall revert to the Woman's Home Missionary Society "forever and ever."

About fifty Nickel Fund books have been distributed, from which a fair sum has been received and forwarded to the Chicago Training-school, through the General Treasury. There are few, if any, Bureaus (in active operation) which have not been recognized and aided during the year. The District Secretaries have provided for the subjects to be represented at the several District Ministerial Associations. In September I visited the annual meeting of the North Ohio Conference, and presented a report of our Society, and Bishop Mallalieu gave the anniversary address to an overcrowded house. Under right circumstances we are ready to take up the work of the coming year, and wait in earnest faith to see what the year may bring forth. The total amount of money contributed by our Conference Society will be found in the report of the General Treasurer.

Mrs. H. E. Doud, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Indiana Conference.

A DEVOTED minister once said: "The nearer I get to the end of life the less do my thoughts seem to dwell upon the felicities of heaven, and the more upon the necessities of this poor world. My concern shall be, not about the place Jesus is preparing for me, but that I may help prepare a place on *earth* for him." With a measure of this spirit *we* entered upon the duties of the past year *trustingly*, hoping to be able to help make some of the dark spots in our own loved land at least one shade brighter by our efforts. At the commencement of the year our plans were made for the work of organizing the entire unorganized portions of our Conference, as well as of visiting those auxiliaries that are yet weak and need help, and thus to awaken in the hearts of all our Christian women an interest in the salvation of our neglected countrywomen. But God's plans are *infinitely* better than our own. Circumstances unforeseen have compelled us to remain at home most of the year. By means of pen and paper, as well as by sending out missionary literature, we have tried to get the claims of our Society before the people. The dear Lord knows the persistent effort it takes to keep this work moving actively and successfully.

We wish we were able to report every auxiliary within our Conference engaged in active work; but we can not do this; for ten of the forty-nine auxiliaries reported last year we have been unable to hear from, and one is reported as dead. While we regret to report the death of any, we rejoice to be able to announce the birth of some. The progress made during the past year is shown by the following statement:

Number of Auxiliaries, ...	28
“ “ Young Ladies Mission Circles, ...	3
“ “ Life Members, ...	4
“ “ Members, ...	904
“ “ Subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , ...	106

While the work accomplished for the year is in no sense what we wished, we thank God and take courage, believing that there is a good foundation laid in our Conference for future work in our Master's vineyard.

S. A. MATTHEWS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

North-west Iowa Conference.

THAT remarkable poem, "The best laid plans of mice and men," (especially the second line) seems very forcible to me at this date, for we had not only our Conference Secretary, but had elected a delegate, Mrs. J. P. Negus, and an alternate, for this Annual Meeting; but through illness they are all absent. The Home Missionary Society is an assured fact in this Conference, and the interest is steadily increasing. The Corresponding Secretary has been persistent and indefatigable in her work, having written 200 letters and postals. During her long and very severe illness she has in a most marvelous way aided us, and her efforts have been continuous. She has been greatly helped by an eminently successful assistant, Mrs. J. P. Negus, who gave herself most generously to this work, and who organized Societies at Sibley, Sanborn, and Clear Lake, with an aggregate number of 42 members and 18 subscribers to *Home Missions*. Mrs. Negus, but for serious illness, would be present at this session and give a full report of her work, so well accomplished. Her visits to Cherokee and Le Mars were of invaluable aid, as these Societies, organized in 1883, would doubtless have been extinct without this added care. I had hoped for a full month of work in this blessed field, but was prevented.

Friday, August 27th, I took the 6 P. M. train in Anamosa, to be in Fort Dodge at 4½ A. M., where, the following Sunday morning, after an address, I organized an auxiliary of 37 members, with 8 subscribers. In accordance with my invariable custom (if possible) I went from house to house, on Monday, soliciting members and subscribers. Endeavored, by letter, to arrange to speak at Fonda, Sac City, Ida Grove, Sioux City, and Sargeant's Bluffs; but some of the ministers were absent, and hence could not have meetings.

The youngest member in this Conference is Leon Prusia, of Fort Dodge, four and a half years old.

At Dakota City, Tuesday evening, August 31st, I formed an auxiliary of 18 members and 2 subscribers. This was made possible by the efforts of Mrs. H. J. Grace, who drove from house to house in the morning, inviting an audience. Mrs. Grace sends \$15 this year from her Band of "Willing Workers," who now number 20; and I was delighted to be introduced to the little President. Notwithstanding a darkness that might almost "be felt," with thunder and lightning, and an attractive address before the Normal school, on the evening of September 2d, at Emmetsburg, I organized an auxiliary of 16 members and 3 subscribers. Our Third Anniversary occurred on the afternoon of September 24, 1886, in the beautiful new

church in Webster City, when a Presiding Elder said: "What a wonderful meeting you had!" for we were favored with the helpful presence of Dr. Hatfield and Bishop Bowman. A delightful hour and a half was spent in the interests of Home Missions. Dr. Hatfield's address was highly appreciated, and he was followed by Bishop Bowman in a most convincingly eloquent address.

Preceding these were the report of the Conference Secretary by Mrs. Negus; the minutes of last meeting by our valuable Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Carter, and brief report and remarks by Mrs. Springer. Mrs. L. C. Woodford read the Scripture lessons most impressively. Our painstaking Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Shessler, was too ill to be present, but sent a most encouraging report of supplies and money. The officers for the year were elected, and very generous resolutions of thanks were given Mrs. Springer for her presence and aid. Collections, \$10. One could have no heart to organize Home Missionary Societies in this Conference of self-sacrificing heroes if a salary was given for such work; but as nothing is received but the collection, no one is wronged, and every penny for dues can be used in our constant, necessary calls. I received 33 subscribers at Conference for Home Missions. "The Helper yonder aids the helper here."

MRS. CHAS. F. SPRINGER,

By request of Mrs. J. P. NEGUS, *Assistant Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Kansas Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference was organized in March, 1885; but the ladies whose names were presented for Conference organization had not been previously spoken to, and with some this work was an impossibility, while others were already engaged in the Foreign work, and consequently our cause has not advanced as rapidly as we could wish. Our Conference is new; our Churches are many of them poor, and scarcely able to sustain themselves, while others in towns can do quite a little in the way of contributing clothing and literature. We have several ministers who have been helped by our Society, and others who must have help or be in real want before the opening of the Spring. Our people are kind-hearted, free, and generous, and many times we are surprised at their willingness to help in all enterprises for the advancement of God's cause. We feel sure that as soon as the people of Kansas can possibly do it, they will stand shoulder to shoulder with those of our sister States in the great and glorious cause of Home Missions.

We have now 7 auxiliaries in our Conference, about 80 annual members, and 80 subscribers to Woman's Home Missions. I find it hard to obtain complete reports from auxiliaries (although blanks have been provided), and therefore can not tell just what has been done as a Conference. Our auxiliary at Kirwin is a live one, and preparations are being made to help in the way of clothing, library-books, and a large collection of trinkets for the Indians. We have also, in connection with our auxiliary, a local department, which we feel will be of great benefit to our own town, as we have a large number of persons who never attend Church, and this reaches the masses as nothing else has done. Our Master said, "Go ye and teach," and God is blessing our efforts. We are trusting and working for this cause when and wherever we can, for we feel sure it is of God, and the needs of our people are very great.

MRS. W. J. MEREDITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Ohio Conference.

THE past year has been in some respects a prosperous one for the Ohio Conference Society. We began the year with 23 auxiliaries; some strong, some weak. We close with 52. A large number of Societies have been organized by Miss Betts and the District officers during the year. Some of these are doing well, others have died. Much good has been done by the distribution of Mite-boxes, Reports, and Leaflets. The Camp-meeting Anniversary held at Lancaster was an enthusiastic meeting. The addresses touched the hearts of the people, men and women eagerly leaning forward to hear of Utah and the South. No collections are allowed, but a free-will offering of \$154 was made.

The Conference Anniversary held at Athens was full of interest. Mrs. Willing, in making the address, awakened a great interest in the minds and hearts of those present.

Number of Auxiliaries, ...	52
" " Mission Bands, ...	3
" " Annual Members, ...	650
" " Life Members, ...	18
" " Honorary Managers, ...	
" " Subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , nearly	600

MRS. A. J. STANLEY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Philadelphia Conference.

ONE year ago we were glad to welcome the Annual Convention to our hearts and homes, and thankfully and heartily enjoyed its session among us. The intervening time has sped rapidly away, and we are thankful that we have been mercifully spared to meet again. We have not accomplished as much during the year as we had wished, but in the multiplicity of our duties we have done what we could. There have been seven new auxiliaries formed, and one or two have written that they must needs discontinue for a time, to be renewed in the future. Our auxiliaries have done grandly, both in money and supplies, as will be shown in the Treasurer's report.

On March 9th, an all-day meeting was held in the Green Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The morning was devoted to the Annual Meeting, and election of officers. An excellent representation was present from the different auxiliaries, and the session was exceedingly interesting, though we regretted the withdrawal from office of all our District Managers save one. Our Recording Secretary also resigned, as she was about to start for Europe. We have scarcely recovered from so much change, though our new incumbents have nobly taken up the work, under our motto, "For love of Christ and in his name." We regret to add that one of them, Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, has been stricken, within the past two or three weeks, with paralysis. We commend her to your prayerful sympathy. A District meeting was held in the afternoon; Mrs. Boswell presided. The ten-minute papers, of which there were several on different topics, as well as the reports of the Secretaries, were exceptionally well prepared. In the evening a meeting was held at which addresses were made by Miss J. M. Bancroft and Rev. G. Cummins. Also a District meeting has been held in the N. W. District, at the Tabernacle Church.

We have one thousand three hundred and ten members, with three hundred and ninety subscribers to the paper—*Home Missions*. Our special work, the building of the Matthew Simpson Memorial Home, at Orangeburg, S. C., has been completed, and is, we have been told, a model of beauty, and one to which we can refer with pride and satisfac-

tion. While this has been distinctively our work, we have not contracted our benevolences, but have contributed to all branches of the general work. We have adopted a systematic plan of local work, and have arranged for meetings in the several Districts within the next few months. There is no poetry in my report, unless there is *poetry in figures*, as we have the honor of leading in the contributions of this year.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Pittsburg Conference.

ALTHOUGH the Pittsburg Conference has not progressed in the Home Mission work as its friends expected and desired, yet we think we can truthfully say, "We are growing steadily, if slowly." Since last Autumn, three new auxiliaries have been organized, and another has more than quadrupled in numbers. Several of our auxiliaries do not fully report their work, and others work largely in their own communities; hence a full account of all the work that comes under this head can not be given; but by the help and blessing of God, we hope and believe that our Conference will soon be second to none in carrying on this grand work for our Master and our fellow-men; and that any clouds that may have overshadowed us in the past will be lifted in the future.

MRS. M. J. SCHUYER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Rock River Conference.

AN advance in thought and feeling and recognition has been manifested in the cause of Home Missions in the Rock River Conference the past year. Our own city work is claiming the attention of Christians and benevolent workers in every line, and no previous year of its history marks so large impulse and effort in this direction. Our Training-school promises to be a large factor in the efficiency of this work. It is now established in a locality convenient for access to all parts of the city, and will open during the coming season with enlarged advantages and increased numbers. This enterprise was projected by the Woman's Home Missionary Society two years before its inauguration under the present auspices; and important steps were taken towards its establishment. The union under which it is now organized, making a Training-school for Foreign as well as Home Missionaries, does not carry it out of the province of our report. The \$1,000 that the Home Missionary Society pledged in 1882 for the foundation of such a school, and the steps taken by our Committee to secure a site for its establishment, give to our Society the proprietorship of the original idea. Nevertheless we welcome the happy auspices of this connectional work of the different Church benevolences, and the promise that it gives of the greater benefit to the neglected classes.

Our chosen line of work in the city, among the Bohemians, was not put in operation, on account of the difficulty of finding a competent missionary. A small sum has been expended in Sunday-school literature, and advances have been made looking to more efficient work the coming year. Our interest in other lines of work continues to increase. Our statistics show a large number of beneficiaries aided in the South, and large funds contributed to the Lucy Hayes School-houses. Intelligence concerning the nature and necessity of our work is constantly gaining ground, and a consequent interest in the different departments is increasing. All our auxiliaries are interested in sending supplies to the needy frontier, and we have some that are models in this line. Young People's Societies are increasing; and the history of some of our Children's Bands would be inspiring to relate. And so we hope to "hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." E. E. MARCY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

South-east Indiana Conference.

At our last Annual Conference the Woman's Home Missionary Society held its anniversary. An address was delivered by Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, after which there was a meeting of the ladies, when a more thorough organization of the Conference Society was effected. The officers in some of the Districts having failed to do the duty assigned them, new ones have been selected to take their places. Some of our auxiliaries are increasing in interest and in numbers steadily; others are doing good work, not losing or gaining, but standing firm; while some seem to be *resting*, we trust only for a season; and some new ones, being without a leader, have not yet fallen into line. We are not discouraged, but look forward to an advance throughout the Conference.

C. S. CHAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Southern California Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society is partially organized in our Conference. In the Los Angeles District we have six auxiliaries—one each at Fort Street, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, Alhambra, San Bernardino, and Colton. These raised and expended during the year \$732, besides sending supplies of clothing and furniture, of which no estimate has been made. In accordance with the permission received from the General Society one year ago, the work has been confined to the aiding of our own needy preachers. Much good has been done, more than a dozen ministers and their families receiving substantial aid. At the recent session of the Annual Conference in September, the work was heartily approved, and a Conference organization was effected. The first meeting of the Executive Board was held October 14th. It was then voted to ask for an appropriation of \$2,500 to this Conference for the present year, with the understanding that it is on condition that the money be raised within the Conference. We are not yet in condition to undertake any work outside of the Conference bounds, but our work is growing rapidly, and new fields are opening before us. Our ministers are obliged to endure great privations and hardships, but in due time we shall become strong, when we shall be able to help in the general work of the Society. The Society has been greatly aided in the work of organizing by the ministers, and particularly by the Presiding Elder, Rev. R. W. C. Farnsworth, of Los Angeles District.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEILL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Southern Illinois Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Southern Illinois Conference was organized last June, by Mrs. Jennie F. Willing. Mrs. M. H. Villars was elected Corresponding Secretary, but subsequently she removed from the Conference and resigned her office, and the present Corresponding Secretary was elected on the 18th of September. Mrs. Willing also organized Lebanon District, and an Auxiliary Society in Lebanon. We now have two Districts organized, and four auxiliaries, with one Juvenile Band in Lebanon. The Corresponding Secretary has visited two District Conferences, and one camp-meeting, in the interest of the work. She was unable to attend our Annual Conference; but our work was represented by our efficient President, Mrs. E. A. Hypes, and also an address was made by one of our *ministers*, after which the Conference passed a resolution favoring our work. Like all new organizations in our Conference, the work has commenced slowly, but we trust *surely*. And we hope to be

able, at our next Annual Meeting, to report a year of successful work in trying, though in a feeble way, to further the interest of our Redeemer's kingdom.

MRS. N. DICKSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Texas Conference.

THIS Conference is deeply interested in the work and schools of the Home Missionary Society. The people are poor, and in some places have almost no educational opportunities, but they very earnestly desire to secure such advantages. A marked improvement has taken place in the morals of the people during the five years since the work was inaugurated. Mothers are anxious that their daughters shall become educated and thus prepared for future usefulness.

The special work which has been undertaken by this Conference, is the Industrial school near Harrisburg, Texas. The brethren of the Conference have aided in the purchase of property, and have taken a deep interest in the establishment of a school. Nearly fifty acres of good land near the town have been secured and a good building has been erected thereon. Under the circumstances we feel thankful that we have no larger debt than \$140, although this sum is a very severe tax on our limited resources.

Our Society numbers 996 members and 48 Mother's Jewels, and 46 copies of *Woman's Home Missions* are taken. The auxiliaries have paid during the year \$285.53 into the treasury; special contributions have amounted to \$123.54, making a total of \$409.07. This sum of money represents great labor and sacrifice on the part of our poor people, many of whom are struggling through life without sympathy or help. A mother wrote to us some time since to know if we could accommodate her and her ten children, as she needed help in training them right. We ask for them, and all such, the prayers and sympathy of friends throughout the Church. And we pray God's blessing on all our dear sisters who are working for our improvement and elevation.

MRS. ISABELLA HOWELLS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Troy Conference.

ANOTHER year of blessed opportunities has been ours, in which we have found much to do for our Lord and Master. Sometimes, as we have looked forward to the work, our hearts have well-nigh failed us; but we have learned to "lean hard upon the strong Arm" that has been our sure support in every trying hour, and the work has gone steadily on. Our statistical report is as follows:

Number of Auxiliaries, ...	25	Increase, 14
" Members, ...	800	" 330
" Young Ladies Societies, ...	4	Membership, 150
" Life Members, ...	30	
" Honorary Managers, ...	2	
" " Patron, ...	1	
" Subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , about	400	
" Packages of Supplies sent to Destitute Families, ...	27	

A large number of leaflets and copies of *Home Missions* have been distributed. District meetings have been held on nearly every District with good results. Some of our Societies have done grand work. We should like to give a report of each, if space could be allowed us. Our Young Ladies' Societies are doing nobly. One organized by the pastor of

the Church in January, has raised \$50 to furnish a room in Kent Home, and sent a valuable box of furnishings; also a barrel of new clothing to a family on the frontier; clothed and gathered twenty children into the Sunday-school, and assisted largely in the support of an invalid lady, member of their Church.

Our special work, which one year ago was in the nebulous state, has taken form and grown, until to-day we come to present to the Woman's Home Missionary Society a building of superior construction for an Industrial Home, completed and free from debt. It is considered by competent judges the best-built house in the State of North Carolina. It has accommodations for from twelve to thirty girls. All of the bedding, linen, dishes, etc., have been contributed by the Societies of Troy Conference. Every room bears the name of some one for whom generous, loving friends have given the amount necessary for that purpose. Two of these sums came from other Conferences; one from Central New York, and one from North Carolina. We should have failed in our undertaking had not Mrs. J. Kent, of Gloversville, aided us by a gift of \$1,150; thus naming the building Kent Home, in memory of her late noble, Christian husband, to whose kind words of encouragement we are indebted for the energy that enabled us to carry forward this work. Surely it is a fitting monument to the memory of so true a Christian gentleman. We desire to thank the kind friends who have, by deeds and words, helped us to accomplish this work. This Home is to be under the care of Mrs. S. D. Snow, of Gloversville, a lady of superior Christian character and executive ability, and will be opened about November 1st. If the good is accomplished that we hope for, the ladies of Troy Conference will not have worked in vain.

Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Upper Iowa Conference.

A LONG time ago, the Indian Chief, Wapello, said to our Iowa missionaries: "You make a great mistake when you teach our young braves; they go away to the hunt and on the war-path, and forget what you have said. Teach our squaws—they will teach all the children and their braves, and all will be learned." After several decades, we are beginning to follow this wise counsel of our (so called) savage brother, and have actually become conscious of certain moral obligations to the wretched women and children of our own native land. And while we can not report a Society in even every wealthy charge in the Upper Iowa Conference, the *ultima thule* of my heart, yet we can tell the "Watchman of the night" that the morning gradually dawns! Having yielded my Fall term in the Academy, for the last three years, for Home Missionary work, it was imperative to give my undivided attention to my school and Home work until the last of May; but at 10 A. M., June 3d, I secured an annex of twenty-two members to the little society formed that dark, rainy Monday night, at Delmar Junction. Here, too, is a flourishing Young Ladies' Mission Band. At 8 P. M., at Elwood (where I had given an address before the Davenport District Woman's Foreign Missionary Convention, the previous Friday evening), I organized a Society of twenty members, with ten subscribers for *Home Missions*. And though plans were laid and letters written, no further opportunity came for this work till July 11th, at De Witt, where twenty-seven members and five subscribers were secured. I gave an address before the Miles Society, Monday evening, July 12th, and in spite of the heat, a well-filled church was the welcome greeting. July 25th, at Osage, forty-three members and seven subscribers were obtained. Held a Missionary "Conversational" at Waverly, July 27th, whose royal workers are just now busy on a new broadcloth suit for a poor minister on the

frontier. July 30th, helped the Janesville ladies in their Society, and carry ever in my heart the thanks expressed by the lovely President. August 1st, at Charles City, secured twenty members and two subscribers. August 8th, at Monmouth, secured twenty-nine members and ten subscribers. August 22d, I was invited by the pastor to present this cause at Burgess, where twelve members constitute the entire Church—a lady is the steward and class-leader—yet here obtained sixteen members, three subscribers, and one Mother's Jewel, Maud A. Reed; but an hour later the mother said, "Maud must be a member, and henceforth earn her own two cents for each week." When this little three-year old pet reaches woman's estate, no Home or Foreign Missionary worker will have to plead with her for two cents a week, and one hour a month for humanity's needs, and be denied as "entirely too busy!" That evening, at Baldwin, secured twelve members and three subscribers. Monday evening, August 23d, at Onslow, formed a Society of seventeen members and three subscribers. The pastor here, like a few others, is always present to encourage and aid in the Monthly Missionary Meetings. September 5th, at Hampton, obtained thirty members and nine subscribers. Here we have the youngest member of our Conference Society, Miss Nellie Taylor, aged two years; then Miss Reed, three years; then Mr. Blaine Taylor, four years. September 19th, at Allison, twenty members and thirteen subscribers. Notwithstanding the attractions of a theater on Monday evening, September 20th, at Clarks-ville, formed a Society of ten members and five subscribers; September 21st, at Rockford, of twelve members and four subscribers. Making an increase since June of 255 members.

Anamosa, which sent \$37.25 the first year, the largest sum in Upper Iowa Conference for 1883, has a Juvenile Band of thirteen little folks, dating September, 1886. Hundreds of *Home Missions* are taken in the Conference; hundreds of letters and postals have been written by the Corresponding Secretary, and 3,430 miles traveled in this blessed work; and though this grain of wheat is very small, yet comparing the lone membership dues of 1881 and 1882 of Rev. B. Isbell and myself, only \$4 for our First Annual Report, with over \$1,300 (in money and supplies in our Conference Minutes) for 1886, it seems Galileo was right, "The world moves!"

I was present at a very pleasant tea-meeting, July 13th, at Center Junction, with twenty-seven earnest co-laborers, and secured nine subscribers and fifteen Mother's Jewels. Pleasant tidings come from the thirty-five at Fayette, where monthly meetings and quarterly teas are never forgotten; from Jefferson Street, Waterloo, whose helpful pastor sends the cheery message, "Your Society here is immortal;" while the Davenport, Mt. Vernon, Iowa City, and Cedar Falls ladies have accomplished great things for the Master. I was with the Parkersburg Society, September 28th, when a charming missionary tea was given by one of the "faithful." Our Fourth Anniversary was held at Cedar Falls, October 2d, Mrs. J. T. Clippen presiding. For the first time the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Corresponding Secretary were *all present*, each to read her own report; that of our faithful Treasurer being full of encouragement.

The officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, and real interest was expressed. A wonderful event must be recorded! The Vernon Prairie Society, that has doubled its membership in the last two years, sent \$2 for Contingent Fund, for my railroad fare to Detroit, the first I have ever received. Thirty-two subscribers were secured at Conference, and a collection of \$3.01.

Over 1,000 members remain in the more than fifty old and new Societies organized, during the last four years, without taking a penny from our National Treasury, or from any local society. Nine-tenths have continued the work faithfully, the other tenth must be revisited. To have our ever busy General Corresponding Secretary say, "I have read your report, in our Second Annual, at least fifteen times," is wondrous cheer to me. And

entering the home of our Lord, with the tender, loving eyes of *our best* upon us, if the Master shall count us as of "those women who labored with me in the Gospel, whose names are in the Book of Life," how complete the fruition!

Not he that repeateth the name,
But he that doeth the will.

MRS. CHAS. F. SPRINGER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Vermont Conference.

WE are happy to be able to report an increase of interest in this good work, during the past year. This may be seen in an added number of auxiliaries, and also in the amount of money pledged and reported. One hundred and fifty dollars were pledged at Conference for a "Vermont Room" in the Boylan Home. Quite a large number of \$10 cards are in circulation. From the five hundred Mite-boxes distributed, we have received \$80.61. Many of them have not, as yet, been opened. A goodly number of boxes and barrels of supplies have been forwarded. We feel to thank God and take courage, hoping for greater results in the year to come.

MRS. T. P. FROST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Nebraska Conference.

Two years ago, our Conference Society was organized. From that time to the present, the pastors have been urged to organize auxiliaries in their charges, but only two have as yet been organized. While the country is so new and sparsely settled and the work in a formative state, and while so much other work is to be done, our pastors can not give the attention to organizing this work that they would like to do. The great distances to travel between charges, with poor means of conveyance from one place to another, in most cases have made it impracticable for the officers of the Conference Society to visit the different charges, and in person attend to the work of organizing auxiliaries. But as both preachers and people are coming to realize that, in missionary appropriations and supplies received, ours is a Home Mission-field in the fullest sense, we feel confident that many more auxiliaries will be organized during the ensuing year.

If not much work has thus far been done in the direction of giving aid to others by those engaged in the work here, much has been done in receiving supplies from abroad, and distributing them to those who are very needy within our bounds. From the growth of our work in this new and great section of the country, and the inspiration upon our preachers and members, we feel assured that all the help received from abroad will in due time be returned many fold to encourage and help others in the time of their beginning and weakness. Still remember, help, and pray for us.

The work of the Conference may be tabulated as follows:

Number of Auxiliaries, ...	2
" " Members, ...	56
" " Life Members, ...	3
" " Subscribers to <i>Home Missions</i> , ...	37

MRS. W. G. VESSELS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Texas Conference.

In reviewing the work of the past year, there comes to me an impression that the foundations for future work are being laid deep and strong. Slowly—very slowly—it is true; but when we consider that these people had almost every thing to learn, and only a very few of the older ones have learned to read, you may get a little glimpse of some of the difficulties to be overcome in order to carry on successful work in our auxiliaries. The conditions compel that our work shall be mostly educational. Next month in our auxiliary, we begin an explanation of the origin and work of the different societies connected with our Methodism.

Our Waco Auxiliary is nearly two years old, and is in a thriving condition. The members entered earnestly upon mission-school work, gathered and clothed the orphaned and neglected little ones. When the school had increased to over forty, they opened the church for shelter, warmth, and instruction. During the Winter and Spring, eighty-three pupils attended. They also furnished ten dollars to a beneficiary in Central Tennessee. Their President, Mrs. Westbrooks, is an earnest worker. Not long ago she organized a new auxiliary at Milford.

Our Austin Auxiliary, one of the results of our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Meeting, was organized the first of January. In March our very efficient President, Mrs. Sarah Scott, was taken from us by death. The Vice-presidents have filled the chair as well as they could, but we have missed her. The completing and furnishing of the audience-room of Wesley, our new, beautiful, substantial church, to which the women have made regular monthly contributions, has somewhat hindered the collection of Woman's Home Missionary Society dues; still we have sent seven dollars to the General Treasury, and used fourteen dollars and eighty-five cents for local work. We had a small (fifteen pupils) but efficient Mission School, taught by our Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Norris, until stopped by scarlet fever. In March I received a barrel of mission goods, and distributed them mostly to ministers' families. We had gathered among the sisters as much in value, and distributed among the sick, aged, and children.

From the first of January to the middle of April I heard recitations, five mornings in the week, of mothers of families or young women obliged to work, so they could not attend school.

Our Conference Mass-meeting was attended by many of the preachers. Mrs. L. A. Westbrooks, President Hoyt, of the New Orleans University, and Rev. C. P. Westbrooks did effective speaking.

June 13th we had another mass-meeting at night. There was a good audience and unflagging attention. Report said there was a strong impression made in regard to the sacredness of the family relation.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

Quite an interest has been awakened in unexpected quarters. Year by year I have presented our "Woman's Home Missions" for subscribers among our white sisters; also have given leaflets as opportunity offered. One sister, who subscribed last Winter, became so interested in the Chicago Mission Training-school, that she sent for a Nickel Fund book, raised five dollars, and sent to Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, notwithstanding she has feeble health, and a whole nest-full of little folks. Another has given substantial aid in preparing a young woman to go to an Industrial school.

But the most comforting item is from one of the colored Presiding Elders of this Conference. He writes, of a certain locality, "I felt they needed especial instruction in regard to home—the duties and responsibilities connected with home life." He gave a lecture. When he had spoken an hour and a half, and was about to close, a simultaneous cry burst from the audience, "Go on, go on; these are the things we need to

know." He talked half an hour longer, his large congregation sitting spell-bound to the end; then pathetically telling him, "That's the kind of preaching we need."

May I not hope that the authorities who plan for us will consider it wise to send us a missionary, an earnest, competent, consecrated woman, who, perhaps, can teach us something about Kindergarten work, visit among the people, and plan for the building of an Industrial Home for Austin, or, rather, at Austin for Texas?

MRS. C. A. RICHARDSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Wisconsin Conference.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Wisconsin Conference has been in existence only a short time, so that only a few months have been spent in working up its interests. Late in May, of this year, Mrs. J. F. Willing organized this Society; but the excessive heat, and the lack of knowledge concerning the work, prevented it from making rapid progress.

Notwithstanding the many discouragements, as soon as the people were taught the needs of the work, they willingly entered upon the duties of the Society. We now feel that the most perplexing part of the work has been accomplished.

There are six Presiding Elders' Districts in this Conference. Two of them are well organized, viz., Portage and Hudson. We have twelve auxiliaries and Children's Societies, with a membership of 294. There are 55 subscribers for the *Woman's Home Missions*. Thirty-eight Mite-boxes have been distributed, and we have raised over one hundred dollars. Baraboo Auxiliary has raised forty-four dollars to furnish a room in A. L. Smith Home at Little Rock. The Children's Society at the same place raised twenty dollars for the work in Alaska. Other auxiliaries are raising funds for the frontiers. All are anxious to accomplish some work for the Master.

MRS. M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Wyoming Conference.

ONCE more have come our golden Autumnal days. Once more has the reaper gone forth and gathered the fruits of his labor into his storehouse, and as he now looks over his harvest he rejoices that his efforts have not been in vain. Perhaps, however, as he views his field, he finds that a few more seeds in this place, or a little more care or watering in another, would have brought a greater success; but this very knowledge of wasted opportunities is a part of his fruits. So I think we may say of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Wyoming Conference.

Our past year has been one of at least ordinary prosperity. While at times clouds have hung over us and threatened to bring to naught our efforts, through faith we have grasped more firmly the hand of our Divine Guide, and, assured that it was *his* work, not *ours*, we have patiently awaited the results. Last year we were able to report but six organizations within our Conference, after a growth of more than two years, whereas now we have seventeen *active* auxiliaries and one sleeping one, with a total membership of 354. One honorary manager and five life members have been pledged. The twenty dollars pledged at the Annual Meeting for the Utah Fund was raised and paid by the Willing Mission Band of Centenary Church, Binghamton, which was organized last November, and which has since done noble service. Throughout the Conference many boxes of supplies have been sent to the frontier and to

the South. By the payment of one hundred dollars a room has been named in the Gilbert Haven Home the "Wyoming Conference Room."

We believe that Mrs. Willing's presence with us at our Annual Conference was a benediction upon the work among us. Her address was wonderful, and while she so admirably presented the fields of labor open to this Society, she unfolded also to our women the grand possibilities lying within their reach.

We believe we are better officered at present than ever before. Many have accepted their offices with promises to do what they can to promote the work, and through Him, upon whom we call for help, we hope that the close of another year will find us far in advance of the position we hold to-day.

Mrs. E. S. TUPPER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Reports from Bureaus.

Report from Bureau of Organization.

THE Secretary of the Bureau of Organization begs leave, respectfully, to report for the two years since the Bureau was ordered by the General Board of Managers, and erected by the General Executive Board. Last year she did not understand that she was to report to the General Board of Managers, as she had made regular reports to the General Executive Board, and she supposed the substance of her reports would be embodied in those of that Board. So it seems meet to give the work of the two years at this time.

The Secretary began work, November 15, 1885. During the first year she worked ten months and a half; the second year she worked only seven months, though all the time she carried the correspondence of the Bureau. She began with the usual difficulties that surround a new and untried field. The Board kindly voted to help her overcome the greatest obstacle—her ignorance—by requesting her to travel through the South and through Utah. She visited New Orleans, Holly Springs, Little Rock, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Salt Lake City, Provo, Ogden, Logan, and other points of interest in our work, gathering information that has been most helpful.

She desires to record her gratitude for the many kindnesses that she has received for the work's sake from Bishops and all General Conference officers. Pastors have been ready to welcome and aid to the utmost of their power. The dear and noble women, our Conference officers, have received her with open arms as a sister beloved. While she has rested for a night in their homes, she has rejoiced in their zeal, and been astonished by their patient, unselfish devotion to the blessed cause. She has gone from those homes feeling that she would be upheld even in her utter weakness by the tender, loving prayers that have followed her out into the service and the hard fields. God has watched over her as a pitying Father while she has traveled alone by night and day the tens of thousands of miles. He has also cared for the home and its loved occupant.

She had been in the work but a little while when it became evident to her mind that the Conference Societies must be organized, not with a Board scattered over their territory, and so unable to meet, but each with some point of central importance as head-quarters, where there should be a resident Board of Managers and the principal officers, able to come together regularly, and carry a definite part of the general work; to select,

control, and supervise their own organizers, and to aid in selecting missionaries from within their bounds. Most of the Conference Societies are so organized, and many of them are doing most effective work.

Twenty-three organizers have been recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board, and their work has been regularly reported through the Bureau to the Board. Only seven of these have received their expenses from the Treasury, and they only small amounts, except one, who gave all her time while employed by the Board.

The figures subjoined give only a proximate record of the personal work of the Secretary, from the fact that last year, when her reports went to the Treasurer and Recording Secretary, she did not always preserve copies for herself. She trusts they are under, rather than over, the facts. During the two years she has addressed 4 Anniversaries and 27 Conference Anniversaries, besides 30 other addresses; made 12 visits to Auxiliaries, and 20 to Conference Societies. She has organized 4 District Associations, 22 Conference Societies, and 105 Auxiliaries. She has taken over 8,000 membership pledges, between 3,000 and 4,000 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions*, 79 Life Members, and money pledges of over \$5,000; an aggregate in pledges of between \$15,000 and \$16,000.

JENNIE F. WILLING, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Local Missionary Work.

IN accordance with Section III, Articles 13-18, inclusive, of By-laws, as found in the Fourth Annual Report, a Bureau of Local Work has been organized during the past year, and some fields have been entered. A large part of the labor, however, has been correspondence in regard to the scope and methods of this department of the Society. The importance of the work committed to this Bureau—namely, the supervision of mission work, the support of Industrial Schools, and the employment of Bible-readers for General Missionary work among women and children in our large cities and towns—can scarcely be over-estimated. There are localities and wards in every large city needing missionary labor as much as it is needed South or West—even more, if possible; for in the cities the disease is acute, and it is a question of saving a limb or losing the whole body. So felt is the need of purification in the great cities that we have no fear but that, when our plan of work shapes itself in our own minds, and our desire to meet the demand becomes known, workers and means will come to us as we need them.

A missionary, Miss Lizzie Cameron, has been employed for several months among the Hungarian miners of the Pittsburg Conference. She dates her reports from Lemont Furnace, a point some fifty miles from Pittsburg, in the coke regions. Mrs. Smith, the Chairman of the Local Committee, says of her: "Our missionary has accomplished a great amount of work in establishing Industrial schools, in conducting Mothers' meetings, and in distributing religious literature." From her monthly reports I gather that she is active, intelligent, zealous, and devout. She reports visiting, Bible-readings, and Mothers' meetings at four different mining settlements; also hopeful changes in the lives of several persons, some of whom have found the Savior, and others are earnestly seeking him. During one month she held 145 religious conversations in homes, 42 Bible-readings and prayers in families, and distributed 601 pages of tracts, and 36 catechisms.

The Newark Conference, through Mrs. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary, reports a great deal accomplished in the matter of awakening interest among pastors and Churches, and in developing plans; but it has not, as yet, any missionary work to report. The needs are pressing, and the ladies hope soon to enter upon a well-planned movement which shall

include city missionary and pastor, lady missionaries and visitors, Industrial schools, and so forth. An excellent person is reported by Miss Van Marter, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Conference, as having come providentially to hand for a missionary at Castle Garden, New York City. It is greatly to be hoped that we shall soon establish a mission work at that point.

St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, employed a missionary for a part of the year, who did excellent work until providentially called from it, since which no person has been secured to fill the place. Mrs. Lodge, of Indianapolis, reports a good work being done in that city by the "Ladies' Evangelistic Union," a union of the Methodist ladies of the several Churches in the city, together with ladies of other denominations. They employ an excellent city missionary, a member of Roberts Park Church, with whom the ladies of the Churches co-operate in visiting and in holding cottage prayer-meetings. The missionary conducts a service each Sabbath in a locality in which there is no other religious service, and to which the people come eager for the words of life. An excellent Bohemian woman, Mrs. Hrejsa, was employed soon after our last Annual Meeting, for the Bohemian work in Chicago. She is reported by Mrs. Willing as having done good evangelistic work in visiting from house to house, distributing Bibles and religious reading, holding prayer services, and, by personal appeal, trying to awaken religious interest. St. Louis, through Mrs. McLean, reports a sewing-school of 400 pupils, which meets weekly, and a weekly Mother's meeting, both inter-denominational. Fitchburg, Mass., reports, through Mrs. T. Berton Smith, a school for Chinese laundry-men, meeting each Sabbath from 3 to 5 P. M. at the parsonage. She feels great interest in it, and believes good is being done. The ladies of Cleveland have been holding meetings and devising plans, but have not yet entered upon any work. Mrs. Rose reports for Kalamazoo, Mich., \$51.54 cash and \$93.49 supplies expended in local work; Mrs. Rogers reports for Detroit Conference \$200 expended; Mrs. Culver reports \$29 for Erie Conference; and Mrs. Springer reports \$296 for the Iowa Conferences. Correspondence has also been held with Wilmington, Del., Amherst, Mass., Trenton, N. J., Rochester and Binghamton, N. Y., and several other places; but no work is reported.

The Chicago Training-school opens to us a field for city evangelistic work which it seems highly desirable that we should utilize. We should gladly embrace the opportunity of working through the zealous, faithful city visitors being trained in the school, and the projected Industrial schools under the direction of its management. Just how this relation can be effected, and what financial obligations, if any, it will involve, your Committee is not informed; but it seems very desirable that an adjustment be made between its management and the Bureau of Local Work.

The following recommendations are made for the organization of the Bureau:

1. The Bureau shall consist of a Secretary and eight other ladies.
2. Each Conference shall have a Superintendent of Local Work, nominated by the Conference Secretary and confirmed by the Secretary of the Bureau, whose duty it shall be to awaken interest and give information, to assist in organizing Local work, and to receive and transmit reports.
3. The work in any locality shall be in the immediate charge of a Local Committee, which Committee shall receive the reports of the visitors, Bible-readers, and missionaries, and transmit them to the Conference Superintendent of Local Work, who shall report to the Secretary of the Bureau.

4. Suitable blanks shall be provided for the necessary reports.

Your Committee would also submit the following recommendations:

1. That we co-operate with and encourage all existing societies and organizations having in view the same ends which we propose, and, as

far as may be, induce them to come into organic relations with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

2. That we organize Visiting Committees in all our congregations not already so provided, and make a united, aggressive, Christian movement to fill up the empty seats in our churches, our prayer and class rooms, and our Sabbath-schools. We believe that, by personal invitation and welcome, the attendance of many of our Churches could be doubled in a year.

3. That we encourage the employment of city missionaries among the neglected masses of our population, the establishment of industrial and sewing schools, temperance and anti-tobacco societies; and by all means seek to save some, especially the young. DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for East Southern States.

In this review we have the States of Georgia and Florida. In Georgia we have under our care two Homes. One in Atlanta is situated on the Campus of Clark University. In Savannah we have Haven Industrial Home and School, a work *distinctively* ours; also Haven Home Mission, a few miles out of Savannah. In Jacksonville, Fla., we have Boylan Industrial Home. These Homes are all in a very prosperous condition. We will consider each of them, beginning with our work in Atlanta.

THE HOME AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

The Home at Atlanta, situated on the Campus of Clark University, is our oldest Home, and the first owned by our Society. The need for such a Home having been felt by the teachers of Clark University caused them to unite together in asking Northern friends to aid in erecting a building for that purpose. These efforts were successful; but upon the completion of the building, the question of providing funds for furnishing the Home and defraying the expense of a Superintendent was not of easy solution. The thought then occurred to them to give the building to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, provided the Society would furnish it and supply the Superintendent. This matter was represented to our Society as being a work which would be of great advantage to Clark University, and at the same time would afford an excellent opportunity to inaugurate the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the South.

Our Society accepted the building, with the understanding that so much of the land as we needed would be secured to us by lease from the Freedmen's Aid Society. In a short time the Home was furnished, and Miss Flora E. Mitchell, of Boston, was appointed Superintendent. For three years she has rendered faithful services, and proven herself to be a woman of rare and varied talents, able to adapt herself to any emergencies that may arise. The Home is small, accommodating only six girls at one time. Here instruction has been given in all that pertains to a well-regulated home life. Mothers will appreciate what this means. The sewing and dress-making classes have been taught in Chrisman Hall. All the girls in the University are privileged to enter these classes. These privileges are well appreciated, and in very many cases marked progress has been made and many girls, on leaving school, have been able to render valuable services in their homes and neighborhoods. Miss Mitchell's services as a nurse at times in the University have been invaluable, having cared for a number of very sick students. When a music-teacher was called home, Miss Mitchell was able to supply her place to a sufficient extent to prepare the students for the Commencement exercises. In these ways her work and influence tells for good throughout the University.

Chrisman Hall has been greatly crowded, the sleeping accommodations for the girls being quite inadequate for the number to be provided for.

Mrs. E. H. Gammon, while on a visit to the University two years ago, seeing the condition of things, realized the need of more room, and also appreciated the results which would develop if more girls could have the benefit of home training, and at that time offered to give us one-half the cost of a new building, which should not exceed \$3,000 to erect. The offer was gladly and thankfully accepted, and some money was raised, but not enough to warrant us in commencing the building last year. We had fully expected to be able to report at this meeting the building as finished, furnished, and paid for. To this end the Committee have labored, but have been disappointed in consequence of unexpected complications arising in the course of negotiations for title to the necessary grounds, and other preliminary details, which required satisfactory adjustment before incurring expense in building.

During the present year Warren Hall has been completed (through the munificence of Mr. Gammon), and thereby ample accommodations are now provided for the girls at the University, and thus to a considerable extent the necessity of a new Home, existing two years ago, has been obviated. In view of this fact, and in connection with the increased cost of the erection of Warren Hall beyond his anticipations, together with the fact that the building of the new Home had been so long delayed, Mr. Gammon withdrew the offer to donate one-half its cost to the extent of \$1,500. Your Committee, however, entertain strong hopes that all embarrassment may be removed, and a way be cleared so that the building of the new Home may be undertaken and completed, and, in that event, we have assurances that Mrs. Gammon will contribute \$500 towards the building. We ask and expect your sympathy and substantial support for the enterprise.

BOYLAN HOME.

Our work in Florida was opened in Jacksonville by Miss Hattie E. Emerson. She has proved herself to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." As a Society we have reason to rejoice in the success which crowned her labors. She opened her work by taking charge of the sewing department in connection with Cookman Institute, and by doing City Missionary work. She soon won her way into the homes and hearts of the people, and ere long succeeded in opening sewing-schools, Mother's meetings, and organizing temperance societies in four of the suburbs, namely, Simpson Chapel, Oakland, Hansentown, and Wrightsville. At three of these points she has organized flourishing auxiliaries to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. From the first opening of our work its great need has been a Home. For this purpose the Florida, New Hampshire, and Vermont Conferences have worked, but have been able to raise only a small part of the money that would be required for the purpose. During this time Miss Emerson, Mr. Darnell, and others were looking for suitable property for this work. In January last such a property was found and purchased, and rented to the Society, with the privilege of paying for it as they were able. As the facts became known, great interest and enthusiasm were awakened throughout the Conferences which were specially interested in the mission. Though many could do but little, they gladly did what they could. The auxiliaries met and made bedding. Some gave entertainments in order to raise money, so that they might be privileged to name a room. Mrs. DeGroot, of Newark, becoming interested in the enterprise, desired to give to it \$1,000, which she had loaned the Society, and to give the Home her family name, BOYLAN. During the dark days of slavery two large plantations had borne this name, and she now desired to give the name to a Home that would have for its object the uplifting and salvation of downtrodden humanity. Since, she has sent many gifts to the Home, and has paid another \$1,000 of the purchase

money. The three Conferences so much interested in this work have succeeded in raising \$600. The auxiliary of Trinity Church, Cincinnati, has added another \$100. This amount completed the payments; so that to-day we have the pleasure of announcing to you that "Boylan Home" has been deeded to us, free from all incumbrances.

In April, Miss Emerson, with her mother, took possession of the Home. Such improvements as were necessary were made, some furniture was bought, and a considerable amount donated. The Carleton House proprietors have been very kind to us in this respect, and have offered to put a box in their office to receive contributions from their guests for "Boylan Home." During the Summer we have had from four to six girls in the Home. They have made most excellent progress in the various departments of work. One of them, who has only been in the Home five months, writes that she has an opportunity to go into the country and teach. Though she dislikes to leave the Home, with its many advantages, she feels that she must go and earn what she can, hoping to be able to return the latter part of the year. She says: "I have learned so much since I came to the Home. I can now cut and fit dresses, and make good bread and cake, and do so many things that I knew nothing about." She will be a blessing to the various homes of scholars in which she boards. During the Summer seven classes have come to the Home each week for instruction—the sewing classes, the Kitchen Garden, the training class for missionaries, the Mothers' meeting, the temperance society, and the Bible readings. The girls in the training classes have charge of the work in the suburbs, and so have opportunity for practising what they learn. This is a real Missionary Training-school. All of these classes have been full of interest, and attended with the best results. Miss Emerson says, "The Kitchen Garden work is a great success." Her outfit is very limited. She hopes that some one will be moved to send her what she needs in this line. At the close of a term of fifteen weeks, a little fair was held. Articles made by the girls were sold. The house was crowded by parents and friends, who were served with bread and cake made by our girls. This was a gala-day at the Home, and helped to deepen the interest felt in it by the Jacksonville people.

The presence of Mrs. Emerson in the Home has been a great blessing to the girls, and has enabled Miss Emerson to go out and care for our four mission points, and also to do a large amount of city missionary work. Two other and more distant points are now asking to be cared for, and working-women are asking that a night-class may be opened for their benefit. They see what their children are learning, and are, as never before, realizing their own need of help. Thus is this work developing in every direction. We have ten girls in the Home, and several applications on file. We can take but twelve, and, in so doing, must put four into each room, and two of these rooms are only large enough for two persons. The other is a down-stairs room that is needed for the Industrial Department. I bring out these facts in order to show the need of enlarging the building. We have examined the matter thoroughly, and find that the best way to do this will be to raise the house another story. This can be done for \$1,200. The furnishing needed now and for new rooms we estimate at \$500; for incidental expenses, \$200; in all, \$1,900. These appropriations were passed by the Executive Board, and are needed for the work. We commend "Boylan Home" to your loving care and consideration. Though the youngest child in our family of Homes, its rapid growth and marked and varied development will entitle it to take rank with its older sisters.

HAVEN HOME.

Haven Industrial Home and School next claims our attention. This work was inaugurated by Mrs. M. C. Bristol and Mrs. S. M. Lewis, in 1881.

Asbury Chapel, the little church which was built through the efforts of Bishop G. Haven, was made the center around which our work gathered. The church was used for the day and sewing schools; the little parsonage, the home of our missionaries, for Mother's meetings and other meetings. At the beginning of the second year Miss Viola E. Baldwin was sent to take Mrs. Bristol's place. We were greatly blessed in having three such earnest, devoted women to plant this mission. Every step that was taken seemed to be blessed of the Lord. The work developed so rapidly that in a short time we felt compelled to secure for it larger and better accommodations. Providence smiled on our efforts, and we were enabled to secure a very excellent property at a very low price, and one that could be readily adapted to our needs. In April, 1885, the house was ready for occupancy, and was named "Haven Industrial Home and School."

The advantages and benefits to be derived from the training that was given in the Home were appreciated by the people, and soon many scores of parents applied for admission for their daughters. We have tried to make wise and judicious selections, and have now in the Home thirty promising girls. We had not intended to take boys, but under peculiar circumstances, consented to take four. A happy family! for all are Christians. The duties and labors of each are performed, not only willingly, but cheerfully. The work is changed each month, so that during the year each girl receives training in all of the departments of household work. The yard and garden afford work for the boys, and they are also being taught the art of printing. We are devoting special attention to the sewing department, hoping that many of our girls will be fitted to earn their own living as seamstresses, dress-makers, and machinists, and in time we hope to develop other industries. There are a large number of women and girls in and around Savannah who greatly need, and are desirous of receiving, the same training that our Haven girls receive; and we expect during the year to be able to open classes for them. Some work has been done in this direction; but it was interrupted by the resignation, last year, of Miss Keely, she having been called to another field of labor, after having been with us three months. Most thorough and excellent work has been done in our day-school, which has numbered 120 pupils.

The temperance work is a marked feature in this mission, three large temperance societies meeting each week. The pledge not only prohibits the use of all intoxicants, but also the use of tobacco and profanity. Would that our Northern boys and girls might follow the example here set! Our missionaries, on being called to the home of one of the members who had died suddenly, were much affected on seeing the temperance badge pinned upon the white shroud. The mother explained that the badge was dearer to the child than any thing else, and she wanted to bury it with her. We can scarcely realize the need there is for earnest temperance work in the South. Our missionaries feel it, and are sowing seed which will yield an hundred-fold in this life, and in the world to come life everlasting.

The large Sunday-school at Asbury is in charge of our missionaries, and our Home girls are among its most efficient teachers. The recent earthquakes have caused many sinners to tremble and to turn to Christ. Our missionaries have the charge of the young converts, meeting with them two evenings each week after the Wesleyan style, "watching over their souls for good." They have also opened a reading-room, where the young men may go each evening and be surrounded by good influences. In this way our missionaries are building up and helping to strengthen the little Church which has so long struggled for an existence. Great good has resulted from the City Missionary work, which has been done by the house-to-house visiting, the cottage prayer-meetings, the Bible readings, and the distribution of tracts. Our missionaries take the older girls from the Home with them, and they have proved to be efficient helpers in this work. Mrs. Lewis writes, "You would be surprised could you hear our

girls as they point sinners to Christ." So here we have another practical Missionary Training-school.

Our work at Speedwell is deserving of special attention. This is a little railroad station, about five miles from Savannah, formerly known as Sandfly, but named by us Speedwell, in honor of Mrs. Speed, of Louisville, Ky., who has done so much for our work. Here we have Haven Home Mission—a pretty little white school-house, with green blinds, finished neatly within. This stands as a monument of the love and devotion of our missionaries to their work. Not a cent of money has gone from our treasury for this work. It was given by our missionaries from their slender purses, or solicited from friends. These ladies denied themselves needed clothing, in order that they might accomplish the work which they saw was so much needed. The ground was given to them, and they have deeded the property to our Society. Here Miss Baldwin goes every Sabbath morning, and gives instruction to the house-full of men, women, and children. During her absence, Mrs. Lewis has attended to this work, and also taken charge of the school at Asbury. They have arranged for a minister to go once a week to preach, receive members into the Church, and to administer the sacrament. Finding that but few of this congregation could read, Miss Baldwin opened an afternoon school for them, being determined that they should be taught enough to enable them to read the Bible. The school has been in charge of one of our Home girls all Summer, and many are now able to read God's Word for themselves. A temperance society has been established here, which is doing great good. Thus are we carrying the Gospel to those who had it not, and giving the bread of life to "those who are ready to perish."

"Haven Home" has, from the first, been a center from which a vast amount of missionary work has been done. As each new year opens, new needs and wants are seen and felt. This year is not an exception. We see great possibilities opening before us. Mrs. Lewis has remained and cared for all of these interests through the long, hot Summer. She will now go home for a much-needed rest. Miss Baldwin has returned joyfully to her post, determined to make this the best year's work of her life. Miss Emma L. Jolls, our new missionary, enters upon the work full of fresh enthusiasm, and with a fixedness of purpose that can but result in marked success. Every thing looks promising for a year of grand work, if we sustain the workers and do our part. You have been generous to Haven Home; some have given largely for it. Is there one who regrets what they have done? Nay; for who is there that can but rejoice in being permitted to assist in establishing and providing for a work that has been so signally blessed of God—a work far-reaching in its influence, and which has already accomplished such a vast amount of good? We rejoice to be able to tell you that only a small part of the debt of Haven Home remains unpaid. We doubt not but the last penny will be paid at this meeting, and that the pledge made to the brothers of Emily Ham will be redeemed. They generously offered to pay the last \$500 of our debt; but on being assured that the Annual Meeting would surely pay what might be lacking, they sent the \$500, and thus enabled us to take up a mortgage note, so that we only require \$400 in order to take up the last note and be able to rejoice in the assurance that the property is fully ours.

And now, with the debt paid, dear sisters, let us not make the mistake of thinking that we have nothing more to do for Haven Home. There is much that ought to be done in order to develop it, and make the work what it should be. Bishop Mallalien saw and felt the needs, when in his dedicatory prayer he asked the Lord that two great wings might speedily be added to this Home. This prayer has in part been answered by the addition of a very small wing in the shape of an enlarged dining-room and kitchen. On visiting the Home last Spring, we saw the absolute and immediate necessity of doing this work. We knew that there was no

appropriation for it; but, knowing that it must be done, we assumed the responsibility of ordering the work and of meeting the payments when due. Through the sale of "photos," and through donations given by friends for this special work, we have succeeded in paying this bill. Money given for the running expenses of the Home this year has been secured by personal effort. In view of this, we ask that, though the expenditures may somewhat exceed the appropriations, they be not carried over and charged against next year's appropriations. We do not ask for another wing this year, but we do ask that the third story be finished. We greatly need it for the proper accommodation of our present family. They are entirely too much crowded, either for comfort or health. We estimate that \$400 will finish and furnish the four rooms that we desire to make. A *creche*, or day-nursery, is greatly needed in this part of the city. There are many mothers who could go out for a day's work, and thus earn a good living for their families, if they had a safe place in which to leave their little ones. Many would gladly pay the cost of keeping the child, if a suitable place could be provided. We ask that \$200 be appropriated in order that the corner building on our grounds may be put in condition for this work, and that \$300 be appropriated for furnishing and supporting it. For repairs and incidentals we have asked for \$400—in all, \$1,300. These appropriations have passed the General Executive Board, and will no doubt be passed by the Annual Meeting.

So, dear sisters, let not your interest in Haven Home wane. Though the debt may be paid, there is work to be done. Our girls must be helped. They are fast becoming fitted for usefulness. Some will become teachers; others express a strong desire to go to the "Dark Continent," in order to carry the tidings of a Savior's love to the benighted of their own race. These are some of the results of our work. Shall we not to-day rejoice that we are thus privileged to take some part in forwarding Christ's kingdom, and anew pledge ourselves to his work?

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Middle Southern States.

THE Bureau which I represent includes the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The special work done by the Society the past year in North Carolina and South Carolina has been the completion of the Industrial Homes at Greensboro, N. C., and at Orangeburg, S. C., and the inauguration of a Home at Camden, S. C.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

The Home at Orangeburg has been built by the ladies of the Philadelphia Conference as a memorial of their respect and love for Bishop Simpson, and they have named it the "Simpson Memorial Home." It is a neat, commodious structure, pleasantly located in connection with Claflin University, and well adapted to the needs of the school. Twelve girls are accommodated in the Home, and it is now in successful operation, under the supervision of Miss S. O. Purdum. The rooms are named, and the furnishing is provided for. Some inside painting, necessary out-buildings, and a fence are now in process of completion, and the funds to meet this expense are also all provided for. The dedication of the Home will occur early in the coming Winter, and at that time I hope to be able to announce to you through our paper, the *Home Missions*, that this Home is completely finished, and that our Society holds a clear title to the property.

The loving Mary brought her alabaster box of costly spikenard as a testimonial of her love, and, breaking, poured it on the Savior's head; and

the whole house was filled with the fragrance. The ladies of the Philadelphia Conference, these loving Marys, have brought their alabaster box of precious ointment as a twofold testimonial of their love—of love for the eloquent revered Bishop, lately passed into the skies from their midst, whose noble life and labors will be a perpetual inspiration to them for all Christian endeavor, and of love for poor, lost humanity, that prompts them to help raise the ignorant and degraded up to purity and true womanhood. And though they may not anoint the Savior's head, yet he will understand and accept their grateful offering, and say, "Inasmuch as ye did it to these" lowly ones, "ye did it unto me;" and the fragrance will remain for evermore.

. GREENSBORO, N. C.

The Home at Greensboro has recently been completed, and the cost fully provided for. This Home is located adjacent to Bennett Seminary, and is larger than any of our Homes except Haven Home, containing seventeen rooms in all. The furnishing of this building is being rapidly completed, and the girls are already domiciled in the Home, under the care of the efficient Superintendent, Mrs. S. D. Snow. The dedication of this Home will soon occur, when it will be formally opened for the important work that it is expected to accomplish, in affording the industrial training to class after class of girls, who shall hereafter graduate in its prescribed course of instruction.

The ladies of Troy Conference Society inaugurated and carried this work to completion; and while it has been a labor of love, it is also a memorial as well. One lady has given to it more than \$1,000, and has been granted the privilege of naming the Home, in memory of her lately deceased husband, "Kent Home." Another lady, quite recently deceased, left by will property valued at \$1,000, to aid in erecting the Home. The ladies of Troy Conference have worked persistently, and have heroically contended with many obstacles, till, one by one, all have been overcome, and now this substantial and well-built house (the best-built house in the town, Dr. Steele writes) attests the skill and wisdom with which they have wrought.

CAMDEN, S. C.

For the past two years the ladies of the New England Southern Conference have been raising funds to build a Home at Camden, S. C. There is no Church school located at that place; hence the Home and its work will be entirely distinct from other school-work. Mrs. Mather, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, has donated the land to the Society, and with great zeal, assisted by other earnest women, has vigorously used all available measures to advance this work. Already a sufficient sum has been raised to warrant the Society in beginning the building; and a plan for the Home has just been submitted to the builder for estimates of cost, that the contract for building may be made as soon as the terms can be agreed upon. It is the hope and expectation of these ladies to complete the Home during the coming year, so that it will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next scholastic year. The field is a very promising one, and the good that this Home will do among a large colored population that has hitherto been deprived of industrial, moral, and religious instruction is incalculable. *All honor* to the ladies of the Conference who have undertaken and sustained this work, "for love of Christ, and in his name."

CHARLESTON, S. C.

As our Church has no school in Charleston, and as there is a large colored population in the city and vicinity, it has been thought best to investigate that point with reference to opening a mission. I have been directed by the Executive Board to examine closely into the needs and

opportunities of that city, and, if it shall be thought advisable, to send a missionary to begin work for our Society there. A missionary of experience is ready to go at once, if desired.

TENNESSEE.

We have no organized work in Tennessee; but it is hoped that at an early day a Conference Secretary will be secured for the Holston Conference, and that the Churches will organize auxiliaries to raise money to be expended within the bounds of that Conference (as that is mission territory). We very much desire to build, at some important place in this State, an Industrial Home for the poor white girls, who so greatly need the training and fostering care furnished by these helpful agencies. Would that some large-hearted, able friends of humanity would contribute a sum sufficient to build such a Home!

MORRISTOWN, TENN.

More than two years ago a proposition was made by a gentleman of Morristown, Tenn., to give \$1,000 toward building an Industrial Home for colored girls at that place, in connection with the seminary supported by the Freedmen's Aid Society there. But later his property became involved in litigation, and he was unable to redeem his pledge; and the hopes that had been thus raised concerning this project were disappointed. A few encouraging words and promises of help from the Secretary of this Bureau have recently revived anew the desire to accomplish this work, and friends of this enterprise are now hopeful that the necessary amount of money can be raised for this purpose. Morristown is situated in the north-east part of Tennessee, about seventy miles from Knoxville. Aside from the Freedmen's Aid School, the colored people have no schools in that city, and in the country their schools are very inferior, and seldom continue more than two or three months in the year. President Hill, of Morristown Seminary, writes: "We have a large colored population all around us, who are almost, if not quite, dependent upon us for school advantages. We have East Tennessee, South-west Kentucky, part of Virginia, and Western North Carolina, more or less relying upon us. If we fail them, they are left destitute of all school privileges for nine or ten months of the year. It is a central place for work among the freedmen. The results and influence of an Industrial Home in our midst can hardly be realized. To give the young girls right conceptions of home life, and to train them in the art of economy, is one of the most important works that can be intrusted to the Church of Christ. One true girl going out from one of these Model Homes will do more to elevate her own sex, and through them an entire community, than one dozen men going out from our schools could possibly do."

Bishop Taylor, of Africa, says that he "wants sympathy and prayers" for his work, but he wants "that kind of sympathy and prayers that is founded on a *money basis*;" and that is the kind that I want for this work. I commend to you the building of an Industrial Home at Morristown as a greatly needed work, and most earnestly hope that the various Conferences will assume the financial responsibility.

KENTUCKY.

A Conference organization was effected in Kentucky at the session of the Annual Conference; but many of the officers were appointed without consultation, and have been unable to undertake the work. A few auxiliaries have been organized, and a small amount of money has been raised. This will be reported by the General Treasurer. This Bureau has no *special* work in that Conference; but it is hoped that the Conference will be permanently organized this year.

MRS. F. S. HOYT, *Secretary*.

Report of Bureau for West Southern States.

THE Bureau of the West Southern States includes the work established or to be inaugurated in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The Church and the schools are co-operating agencies, and in establishing and prosecuting our work, we should endeavor to supplement these by our Industrial and Model Homes, and thus add strength and efficiency to these evangelizing influences. In this territory there are four Conferences—the Louisiana, Mississippi, Little Rock, and Arkansas. The last two, one white and the other colored, occupy the same territory. Belonging to these Conferences there are 290 ministers and 313 preaching-places. There are four Church schools—New Orleans, Rust, and Little Rock Universities, and the Philander Smith College. Our Society, co-operating with these ministers and teachers, exerts a powerful influence throughout these States, as they are strong allies everywhere in urging better methods of living. The circuits are large, and the presiding elders often travel hundreds of miles to reach their appointments. In this vast territory, equal to Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois, with a population of more than 3,000,000, there is only one city of more than 13,000 inhabitants, one with 11,000, another with 8,000, and a few towns with from 2,000 to 4,000. Hence it is evident that our work must be planned to reach the people in the rural districts. They generally live in one-room cabins, as is found convenient for the plantation workmen. Should we attempt to send missionaries from the North to them, they could not visit the cabins and remain long enough to gain an abiding influence over the people. Besides, there are no conveniences to make teaching possible; but hundreds of youth, young men and women, are leaving cabin life for a few months at a time, to attend the colleges. They learn books quickly, but their lives have been barren of the sweet amenities of home. The ideas of the school and the pulpit belong to another sphere, and the students, when they return home, have not the practical skill necessary to change the methods of life prevalent in the cabins; and here is found the opportunity of our Society, with its plan of industrial training.

The girl learns how to make garments, clothe the family, cook the food, set the table, and keep house, while the brother learns the use of tools, and is given plans of simple architecture by which he can erect an addition to the cabin, make a rude table, or construct rough seats. So these young people return home with inspiration for a new life. To the people they are living illustrations of possible attainment, and furnish example for the imitation of others. Each girl, well trained in a Model Home, is a better missionary than a lady of another race and condition of life could be. She understands and sympathizes with the needs of the people; besides, she can live with them cheaply, and teach by example, as well as precept.

In this Bureau we have the Adeline Smith Model Home, at Little Rock, the house and its furnishings being the gift of Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Blackstone. It is conveniently arranged to accommodate nine or ten girls; but so great was the desire of the people to profit by its advantages that fourteen girls have been crowded into it most of the year. We visited the Home in June, and were deeply impressed by the order and Christian spirit of the family. The girls had learned to cook and serve food well and tastefully, had gained considerable proficiency in sewing and dress-making, and had good ideas of economy in matters of housekeeping and supplies. Miss Elizabeth McIntosh has had charge of the work at Little Rock. The influence of the Model Home has extended into the city and neighboring charges, where she has counseled the people on temperance and Christian living, has labored in Sabbath-schools, and formed prayer-circles, and Bible-classes. The house, besides being too small for the family, has no sewing or work-room. It was the gift of a friend, who is

now willing to co-operate with our Society for the establishment of a well arranged School of Domestic Economy. In this behalf we ask for the appropriation of \$2,000, on the condition that Mrs. Smith supplies the balance, \$4,000, which will be required to complete the enterprise; the Society, on its part, will be expected to turn over to the Philander Smith College the building now occupied by us. This will provide us with a property of ample accommodations, worth \$6,000, in place of the present Home, worth \$2,000.

A School of Domestic Economy is needed in connection with the Little Rock University. We have secured a conditional pledge of money to erect a suitable building. The approval of the Board of Managers is asked for the appropriation of the amount required, when it shall come into the treasury. At Holly Springs, co-operating with Rust University, which has about 300 pupils, a School of Domestic Economy has been inaugurated. We have a fine property adjoining the Campus, consisting of five acres, with buildings. The Model Home is a frame house, of graceful architecture, erected two years ago, capable of accommodating sixteen girls. Miss Sophia Johnson is the Superintendent, and her wise management and Christian example have exerted a strong influence for good throughout the school. She has taught from 80 to 100 girls in her sewing-classes. A specialty is made of dress-making, a system of draughting being used which is reliable, easily understood, is adapted to all garments for the family, and is taught to classes, the teacher using the blackboard in illustrating the method. This system is furnished us by the inventor at the small cost of \$1.50. Besides the house above referred to, there is a brick one of six rooms, which will make another Model Home for a family, and with a second teacher, will enlarge the capacity of the work.

Miss Anna Harwood has been serving the Society efficiently as field missionary and organizer in the State of Mississippi, visiting important charges, and addressing the people in churches and elsewhere in the interest of temperance, morality, and education.

NEW ORLEANS.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is organized efficiently in the Louisiana Conference. The women of the Church are deeply interested in the establishment of a School of Domestic Economy in connection with the University, and will raise considerable money for this object, while they continue to sustain, as heretofore, mission-schools in many of the Churches. These are needed for the education of young children until the State provides public school instruction for them. More than a score of these have been kept during the year, and are self-supporting. To secure the best interests of the work, a general supervisory influence is needed in the Conference to prepare the way for a successful industrial enterprise.

In accordance with the constitutional provision, we have consulted with the ladies in the Conferences most intimately interested in the work, with reference to providing special committees to represent them in supervisory charge of the work, this being a part of the duty of the Secretaries of the Bureau, as provided by By-law.

Mrs. R. S. Rust, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona.

In looking into the countries of New Mexico and Arizona, to examine their claims for evangelization, we find there a true mission-field, an inheritance—if we but go up and possess the land—for Christ. I think we

become interested in any country in proportion to the knowledge we have of its needs and prospects. The vastness of the territory of Mexico we can scarcely comprehend; its history is full of wonder, and is delightful as a romance. Picturesque, indeed, are the adobe buildings of the Mexicans, made of sun-dried clay, with their quaint roofs; the old churches, with their gaudy pictures of saints and angels; the dark-hued Spaniards, with the dress, dialect, tastes, and habits of the past.

Arizona has an area about as large as New England and New York. In this rugged South-west we have large rivers, mountains, and plains. The surface of the country is covered with verdure, the rich grass everywhere inviting the herder and stock-raiser to its fields; while gold, silver, and copper are found hidden under the soil of its vast surface, attracting capital and labor for its development. John Hall said, when traveling over these great valleys: "The whole scene shows God's hand in nature, suggesting freshness, fullness, and peace."

No doubt New Mexico and Arizona in the near future will occupy an important place among the States of the Union. But alas! how many in this country so fair to look upon are wicked and sinful, without the knowledge of God and of a pure Gospel! Scattered over this vast region, mostly in small towns, we find mining-camps and herders' ranches. Many thousand people live therein who know nothing of sacred things or of holy Sabbaths. We find the Indians practicing heathenism in their squalor and dirt; the Mormons, with their vile polygamy; the Romanists, with their bigotry and abominations; and even the Chinese are there in force among the mines, with their heathen language, customs, and prejudices. There is probably less of the true religious element, in proportion to the population, than is to be found in any other settled portion of our country. To be sure, the Jesuit missionaries went into Mexico in the days of the Spanish conquest, with their missions and schools, ostensibly for the conversion of the Indians; but their efforts resulted in little less than the complete subjugation of these ignorant people to a thralldom of degrading rites and superstitions. The reports which come to us of the cruel superstitions connected with the worship of the martyrs, and the penances imposed upon Romanists in this free land, are appalling. The accounts of the pollution and tyranny of Mormonism among this ignorant people stir my soul to its very depths. The fearful degradation of Indian women calls aloud for schools and churches.

I find, in examining into the work of our own and other denominations, that the great need in this land is Bible women and schools, as preparatory for Christianizing the people, the same plan as is adopted in heathen lands. I can not understand why Protestantism has been so long neglectful of the needy multitudes of these vast territories. Our Church has a limited mission-work both among the Spanish people and the English-speaking people. The Presbyterians and Baptists have a larger work, and other denominations a few schools and missions; but their united work is small in comparison with the population of these lands; and but few hear the words of salvation or know the delights of a Christian home. Now is the time for special effort in behalf of these people. Mining-camps are growing into villages and embryo cities. Very few of these are reached by the established institutions of religion in any form. Truly the harvest is great, the laborers are few. Last year \$1,000 was appropriated by this Board to New Mexico and Arizona, *conditionally*, the condition being that the amount be raised by or through a Special Fund given for that work. Bishops Bowman, Foss, and Fowler have been consulted in regard to this mission-field, and also Rev. Mr. Harwood, the Superintendent of our Spanish Mission, in New Mexico. They emphasize the needs, and encourage us to plant our work this year.

Your Committee, in whose hands you placed this work last year, did not ask the Executive Board to disburse one dollar to it, for the reason

that some debts had to be paid elsewhere, and they have patiently waited until now for fear that the work, if begun, might not have proper nurture for want of means. Now your Committee can not be put off longer, and they beseech you to remember this people by an appropriation of \$2,000, *unconditional*.

We recommend: 1. That a Bible-reader be supported at Tiptonville; 2. That \$400 be allowed for school work; 3. That the remaining part of the appropriation be used in furnishing and sustaining a Model Home in Tiptonville. The building is already there, which can be used for that purpose. These recommendations have the sanction of the Church officials who are specially interested in this field.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Mormons.

KNOWING how valuable is every moment of this time, we have simply to ask you for a patient hearing of a necessarily long report. A hearing, first, of the "faith that is in us" that the lines of work early adopted by our Society, and now pursued in Utah, are the right ones; and secondly, that the evident "crisis" now in affairs there, which must be met by the Churches, demands increased interest, as well as the increased appropriations we are going to ask of you. You will be surprised, we know, at the very audacity of this asking; but, I say it reverently, God is behind it, bidding us thus "ask largely," and so we are not afraid.

As we understand there are some questionings as to the wisdom of some of these lines of work above referred to, may we take time for a word of explanation, that you may more intelligently vote on the appropriations we shall ask for. These lines are the same as those pursued by us in the South, but very different in their relative importance in the two sections. As classed now in the South, they stand: Missionary, Industrial, Educational. To meet present needs in the solving of this Utah problem, we would reverse this order, placing them: Educational, Missionary, Industrial. Outside the few larger cities in which Gentile influence is more or less felt, the despotic priestly power rules supreme; densest ignorance and the lowest plane of sensual thought seem to have become the normal mental condition of this enslaved people. The only schools in these rural districts are Mormon, in which little outside their infamous doctrines is taught.

A careful study of this problem now vexing Church and State, for more than a year in personal observation, reading, and an extensive correspondence with our missionaries on the ground, has led to the belief, which we find in harmony with that of our missionaries, as well as that of other denominations interested there in work, that the law can do but little in the cure of this curse, aside from opening the door, which it is now doing, for the Church to come in and thoroughly regenerate this people. It is agreed that this work must principally be successful among the children now swarming this Territory, lifting them up by Christian education to higher planes of thought, developing their reasoning qualities, spreading among them the current ideas of the age, and thus in time making Christian Americans out of Mormon devotees.

These Christian schools we are starting in these rural towns, by exciting the opposition of the priesthood, immediately begin to agitate these low, turbid waters, and become centers of discussion. Discussion gives breadth and character to thought, especially in the children, and very soon a wise and consecrated teacher, with genial manner and fidelity to duty, will disarm this prejudice of ignorance and diseased moral life, and find doors of hearts and homes everywhere open for the entrance of the

true Christ. Verily, a little child shall lead them, and, before we dare hope, these children will take into their own hands and settle this problem now baffling the wisdom of Christian and statesman.

If the need for these schools is admitted, then the necessity arises for a school-room in which to conduct them. And as a strong prejudice meets us everywhere in these towns, refusing in most cases the renting of the commonest room, the wisdom of our other line of work—building “Lucy Hayes” school-houses, which in time answer both educational and missionary purposes—also approves itself more and more to us. In regard to these two lines of work, Rev. T. C. Iliff, Superintendent of Missions in Utah, writes us: “Please urge upon your Society the need of doubling the number of missionary teachers, and building as many of your little mission school-houses as possible. Say to the ladies, from me, that this work of teaching, while of the greatest importance *now*, will only be a draft on them for a few years; for just as soon as public schools come into the hands of proper persons, this line of work will cease to be needed. But these little homes you are building are not only an equal necessity now, but will be needed in all the future in the direct carrying on of mission work in this Territory.”

With this plea in favor of our present lines of work, we make the following recommendations, approved first by each member of our Bureau, and then by the Executive Board at its last meeting: to increase our force of missionary teachers from six to ten, with two or more added *conditionally*, making the number twelve; these to fill the following places, in which provision is already made in the way of school-rooms or chapels: A Scandinavian Missionary at Salt Lake City; two teachers at Grantsville and Spanish Fork, where the Church Extension Society has built chapels; one teacher for the Home now being built by ladies of Columbus at Elsinore, which will be dedicated and ready for use the 12th of December; one teacher for Richfield, half of whose salary is already pledged by that royal patron, Mrs. Palen, of Philadelphia; one teacher for Ephraim; one missionary for the Cache Valley, where twenty thousand lost sheep wander. The Parent Missionary Society has but one missionary, Rev. M. Nelson, for these thousands of waiting souls. We ask, also, an appropriation for three school-houses, two of them *conditional*. One of these is already provided for at Spring City, a place of infinite need, by the Findlay (O.) District. The other points needing school-houses most are Logan, Provo, and Manti. We ask, further, an appropriation for a “Contingent Fund.”

SALT LAKE BOARDING HOME.

In view of the complications arising out of the joint ownership of this building, and the fact that it is not accomplishing the work designed in its founding, we would urge upon this meeting to settle in some way the status of this ownership, and to provide for the carrying out, if possible, of the original design in its erection—to help poor girls of this Territory to a better education—which will become more and more a necessity in the opening up of this work there.

INDUSTRIAL CLASSES.

These are now being formed by our missionaries, and are not only full of promises of good in themselves, but are proving open doors into homes, as they bring into acquaintance and sympathy both parents and children. Other denominations have been for some time carrying on successfully such classes. Materials for use in these classes, consisting of calico, muslin, bright yarns, etc., must be furnished, and may be taken as special work by Children's Bands and Young Ladies' Mission Circles.

BENEFICIARIES.

Early last Winter our attention was called to the case of a brother and sister in Provo, Utah, of Mormon antecedents, but converted and possessed of deep religious experiences and much promise of character. These of late have felt themselves called to missionary work, and must have educational advantages, which can be secured cheaper away from the Territory. The Education Society will assist the young man in part, and he will enter school the coming term at Delaware, O. The Mission friends in Utah make application to our Society for help for the sister, that she may come with the brother. We recommend, as our one beneficiary from Utah, this young girl, though realizing, it may truthfully be claimed, a bad precedent in the great expense involved. In view of the fact that the conditions in Utah are peculiar, and can not be forced into the straight lines felt to be necessary and hoped for in the future, can we not be indulged in calling this a "special case," rather than "bad precedent?" We urge the responding to this call, because, instead of opportunities seeking and inviting us out to success in this field, we have to watch for opportunities, and catch at every chance to reach in behind these priestly environments to save souls. Here is one of these exceptional opportunities now seeking us—one of these girls reaching out and asking help to lift her above the environments, and fit her to go back and help loose this enslaved people.

WORK OF THE PAST YEAR.

Our Society has supported the last year the following teachers and missionaries: Miss Martha A. Lock, in Salt Lake City; Mrs. M. M. Skewes, in Ogden; Miss Liza Saugstad, in San Pete Valley; Miss A. E. Anderson, in Moroni; Miss C. Larson, in Mt. Pleasant; and Miss Lincoln, in Provo, the last three having only been employed since February. Only one of the three houses for which appropriations were made at the Philadelphia Annual Meeting has been built—the one at Elsinore, built by ladies of Columbus, O., which will be dedicated the 12th of December.

S. W. THOMSON, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Indians

THE Indian problem is still before the Christian Churches, one which it alone can solve by its missions. The Methodist Church has, during the last thirty years, interested itself less in these noble home heathen than has any other Christian people of our country. Wherever it has prosecuted missionary work among the Indians it has been singularly successful.

The fact that a title to ground for building purposes can not be obtained on Indian lands, and the constant interference of the government in the removal of Indians, have no doubt discouraged our Church leaders, and thus they have come gradually to leave the poor Indian to be devoured by the greedy and cruel white adventurer. It was a Methodist preacher whom a chief described as "a man with a great, loving heart," who attracted, and at last won to remarkable devotion to Christ, the noble Ojibwa tribes, after other men had preached to them many years, only to be doubted, and to retire discouraged.

The idea that advancing civilization will settle the Indian question is a quieting one to some consciences. If we had advanced, as William Penn advanced, with the open Bible and a just and brotherly contact, this would be a proper view. But the fact is wholly different. Greed,

treachery, and robbery have characterized the advance corps of our civilization. When on our Western border the two races have met, it has been only to make both worse. Neglect of the Indians has been a hindrance to our own "advancing civilization." Plant an Indian mission, and the influence is as potent among whites as Indians. This is exemplified in the mission of our Society at Pawnee.

PAWNEE, INDIAN TERRITORY.

We opened a mission at this agency in July, 1885. At that time there was no observance of the Sabbath by whites or Indians. Our missionary, Mrs. Gaddis, addressed herself at once, wisely and gently, to establish a Christian Sabbath. In this she has succeeded. The Indians, who entertained the whites on the Sabbath with their bear-dances, now not only attend the services held by Mrs. Gaddis on that day, but have given up their heathen dances. Within a radius of forty miles there was no divine worship and no Sabbath before our mission was opened. In this regard, as well as many others, the mission has benefited both whites and Indians, and initiated a new and Christian civilization. One chief has died a beautiful death, addressing God as "Father." Seven other Indians have recently professed conversion. The Superintendent, Rev. S. Snyder, will organize a Church there very soon, and Mrs. Gaddis will have the help of a regular preacher. This will enable her to give still more time to the wretched women and children. The Government Report speaks highly of our work and of our missionary, and of the great field of usefulness opening before our Society there. Mrs. Gaddis deserves the praise and gratitude of the Society for the patience with which she has endured many and varied trials, and for the efficient manner in which she has conducted the work. The influence of this mission for good on "advancing civilization" can not be overestimated.

THE OSAGES IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

This tribe is located directly north-east of the Pawnees, and numbers 1,500. We shall probably send a missionary to these people in a few weeks. An aged lady, upwards of ninety years of age, gave to this mission \$200 in September last, requesting work to begin immediately. The gentlemanly agent at Pawtusk, Osage Agency, Hon. Jas. I. David, expresses the utmost cordiality with our mission, and urges immediate action. We hope another year to report an established and prosperous station. It is also probable that the Ponca and Otoe tribes adjoining will press their claims upon us forthwith. These must wait another meeting of the Board of Managers next Fall. Here, then, will be at least two thousand as wretched and degraded women as can be found on earth, looking to us for a better life. We trust these tribes, with the whites, will form a circuit for the Gospel herald, while our missionaries devote themselves to the women and children. Bishop Bowman has charge of this Territory.

MONTANA AND OREGON.

Appropriations are made to work in these localities, and we are encouraged to hope that missions may be established here before this time next year. The care of Indians in Montana was given to our Church by Gen. Grant's Commissioners. It was not accepted, however, and hence greater neglect has fallen to those tribes than to others, and, consequently, great suffering and heathenism. Other denominations have slowly and courteously taken up the work proffered to our Church; but the field is still open. Bishop Ninde has charge of Montana Missions.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Through Puget Sound Conference a mission is offered us at Nootsack and Quillayute. Nootsack is partially provided for by the Conference. Mrs. Flynn teaches the children, and her husband, Rev. John Flynn, has labored successfully among the Indians, having had 129 conversions the past year. Troy Conference has aided this mission with supplies. There are about 200 families at this point. The Quillayutes, off the reservation, number 800. To these we are pressed to send a missionary, as a very needy and remarkably promising field. The Quillayutes are a very bright and industrious people. This division of the Bureau is in efficient hands, and progress, we hope, will be reported within a short time. To all the above-mentioned places appropriations have been made. How few are these, when we remember that there are more than sixty tribes yet without a missionary! The outlook is encouraging. The Indians are asking for the white man's ways, and the white man "is searching out the matter he knows not"—the secret of his red brother's distress.

MRS. H. C. McCABE, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Alaska.

In reporting the work of the Bureau for Alaska I purpose to make it largely historical, as there seems to be less known of this North-land of ours than of foreign countries. Although nearly twenty years have passed since "both American and Russian troops were drawn up into line, . . . and, with roll of drum and discharge of musketry, the imperial eagle of Russia descended and the Stars and Stripes arose," yet few appear to realize that Alaska is really *ours*, and fewer still that many of its inhabitants are as thoroughly heathen to-day as any to be found upon the face of the earth.

The facts here given come largely from Government Reports, beginning with the

DARKEST PHASE.

The darkest of all is, that while Christians made no effort to tell these new-bought heathen of Jesus, the whisky-demon began his work at once, and has worked actively ever since. Ten years he and his kindred had the field all to themselves. In 1877 one lone woman opened the first Protestant school in Alaska, among a tribe of Indians in the north-east part of the Territory, where now is a large and successful Presbyterian mission. This unprotected woman, Mrs. McFarland, soon won the confidence of the natives. All their disputes were brought before her for settlement, they always accepting her decision. Through her influence they agreed to exclude all spirituous liquors from their tribe. It thus remained until the United States Government officials claimed control of their affairs; then whisky flowed freely, and Mrs. McFarland lost her influence. In less than a week after the United States flag was raised at Sitka, among other vices that claimed its protection were "*two drinking saloons and two ten-pin alleys.*" The first record of present-making to native chiefs by the "commander of the new department" was "a few bottles of whisky!" Some years ago nearly a whole tribe on the North-west coast perished from starvation because their Winter stores had been exchanged for a cargo of whisky.

There are no densely populated places, as among foreign heathen. Little settlements are scattered all over this vast Territory, the extreme part of which is "as far west of San Francisco as the State of Maine is east." The wild tribes have each their own special vices and heathen practices. In some the belief in witchcraft causes immeasurable suffering. No one is free from suspicion. Not long since the favorite daughter of a chief was delivered up to torture and death because suspected of bewitching some

members of her tribe. In others polygamy in its most hideous forms is practiced, fathers taking their own daughters as wives in the same hovel with their mother. The exchange of wives, as inclination or convenience dictates, is not uncommon. Human sacrifice, infanticide, and other kindred crimes, looked for only within the "diocese" of Bishop Taylor, may be found among the mountains and ravines of Alaska—*our own proud land!* But let us turn to a

BRIGHTER PHASE.

These people can be civilized and Christianized. This is an acknowledged fact, fully proved by the Presbyterians in the North-eastern Archipelago, and the Greek Church and the Moravians on the west coast and the Aleutian Islands. The last named is one of the brightest parts of the bright side. I call special attention to this for reasons given hereafter. The following extracts are from Government Reports:

"Unalashka is the most important settlement in Western Alaska, and the commercial center of all the trade now in that region, or that shall develop in the future. It is the natural outfitting station for vessels passing between the Pacific and Arctic Oceans. . . . In the immediate vicinity of Unalashka, on the island of Spirkin, is Borka. This village is noted for its cleanliness. With their white-scrubbed and neatly sanded floors, their clear, clean windows, neat bedding, tidy rooms, and abundance of wild-flower bouquets on tables and window-sills, they may properly be called the Hollanders of Alaska. . . . The marriage relation is respected, and, as a rule, each family have their own house, with from two to three rooms. They use in their houses a small cast-iron cook-stove, or neat wrought-iron cooking-range, granite-ware kettles, white crockery-ware dishes, pewter or plated silver-ware, and feather-beds covered with colored spreads. Their walls are adorned with colored pictures, and their houses lighted with kerosene in glass lamps. Nearly every home possesses an accordion, a hand-organ, or music-box, some of the latter costing as high as \$200. They dress in American garments, and their women, with great interest, study the fashion-plates, and try to imitate the latest styles. Many among them are highly educated even in the classics. The administrator of the fur company often reposed great confidence in them. One of their best physicians was an Aleutian; one of their best navigators was an Aleutian; their best traders and accountants were Aleutians."

When the Russians took possession of Alaska the inhabitants of these islands were as degraded as the wild tribes of the interior now are. For the change which has been wrought in them credit is due to the Greek Church and the influence of the Alaska Commercial Company. There are other illustrations of what the Gospel, even when adulterated by ignorant priests can do for these *home heathen*. I speak of these places particularly, because it is here that Dr. Jackson, Government Agent for Education in Alaska, desires the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Church to establish an

INDUSTRIAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Surely the daughters of women who can make their rude homes so bright, and study the fashion-plates so assiduously, can be easily fitted to rescue their sisters of the interior from heathenism. Those found to possess the requisite qualifications could be sent to the States and trained for physicians. The lack of physicians is one great reason why the population increases so slowly. (For ability to become teachers and physicians see above extracts.)

Petroff's "History of Alaska" says: "The natives have no medicines whatever, nor any knowledge, so far as can be discovered, of any medicinal herbs. . . . These people are certainly fatalists. When ill of *any* disease they make no effort to recover, but patiently suffer until released by death."

February 16th, Dr. Jackson wrote: "If you will find a Methodist man (unmarried) who will go to Unalashka, I will have him appointed by the Government as a teacher." No claim is made upon the time of the wife, and very little upon that of the teacher out of school hours, and none on the Sabbath, thus giving them the privilege of doing the same work that many missionaries in foreign lands have long done, and are doing to-day, at the expense of Missionary Societies. The Government salary is ample for the support of the teacher and his family. Considering this an opening too important to lose, an effort was made at once to find persons who possessed the requisite qualifications. This was no easy task, but success attended the search. A barrier was here met which could not be overcome until too late for our chosen couple to break up home and make ready. This barrier lay at Washington. Notwithstanding \$25,000 was appropriated for Alaska last year, and twice that sum asked for this year, the Committee of both Houses reported, "*No appropriation for Alaska.*"

At last, well into August, word came that the *pittance*, \$15,000, had been granted, and that the teachers must sail August 31st. Dr. Jackson succeeded in finding a man and wife (with two children) for Unalashka, and another couple for an adjacent island. Rev. Isaac Dillon also went with them. All these are from the Pacific coast. They are engaged only for the Winter, but may stay longer. With these and others from various denominations Dr. Jackson sailed, September 2d, from Seattle, W. T. No opportunity was had to learn if these ladies will take up the desired work for our Society; but Rev. G. F. Arms, of Vermont Conference, with his wife, who is a woman of unusual ability, fully consecrated to Christ and his cause, stands ready to go in the Spring, if there is an opening at that time. It should be borne in mind that, in taking up the work outlined, only the passage and outfit (for the wife) for mission-work and its support, when inaugurated, are required.

Hitherto a feeling has seemed to prevail that Alaska was a sort of *Non-man's land*; but as elsewhere, and as it has been proved here, *what is not taken possession of for Christ is utilized by his enemies*. Dear sisters, with these facts before us, surely not less than one thousand dollars should be appropriated for the Industrial and Training School work the ensuing year in Alaska. Will you not appropriate that amount for this purpose?

MRS. L. H. DAGGERT, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Chinese.

THE Christian Church of to-day is called upon to meet a responsibility of which no type has been given in all her previous history. During the last half-century the largest heathen nation in the world has come to Christian America, bringing its idols and idol-worship, and building its joss-houses under the shadow of the cross which rises from the spires of Christian temples. The "Chinese problem," with its many sides, is no doubt a long way from solution; but to every earnest Christian there comes the inquiry, "What can be done to bring this people to a knowledge of the blessed Gospel of Christ?"

From a correspondence with many missionaries, who are actively engaged in work among them, some facts have been gleaned concerning their actual condition, their needs, and the probable success of our efforts to Christianize them. Ten years ago work was begun among the Chinese of Boston, under the auspices of the City Missionary Society. A class of two pupils was at first organized. This year the Sunday-school numbers 140 members, with an average attendance of 112. One who learned the English alphabet in this school has since graduated at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and, by appointment of the Church authorities, is now connected with the Anglo-Chinese University at Shanghai. One member of

this school committed the whole of the Gospel of John, perfectly, in two weeks, and more than sixty of the present members are able to read it. About one-third of the Chinese of Boston and vicinity are estimated to be under Christian influence.

In 1884 the Chinese Sunday-school Union was organized and incorporated in New York City. It is undenominational in character. Our own Church is represented in the organization by the Chinese Sunday-school of the Eighteenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Miss Mary A. Lathbury is superintendent. There are estimated to be more than 4,000 Chinese living in New York and Brooklyn, three-fourths of whom have not been brought under the influence of Christian instruction. One Chinese class in that city supports a missionary converted there, and sent to China to carry the glad tidings to his perishing countrymen. Chicago has at least 700 Chinamen, nearly all of whom have been gathered into the Sabbath-schools of the various denominations. A good work is also being done in New Orleans, by the Presbyterian Church, among these people.

It is, however, not until we turn our eyes to the cities of the Pacific coast, and especially to San Francisco, that we are able to form any idea of the work to be accomplished by the Christian Church before the Gospel shall be heard by the Chinese in our midst. Much has been done, but much more remains to be done; for not a tithe have been brought under Christian influence. The outrages inflicted upon this people through race prejudice have embarrassed and hindered the work. Want of workers and money have crippled the efforts put forth. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast have, for a number of years, done much for the Chinese women, their Home furnishing an asylum for all who wished to abandon a wicked life, and be protected from persecution.

The united verdict of workers among these people is, that they are a docile, patient, and apt race, easily accessible to Christian influence. That they are long-suffering, and exhibit many Christian virtues under the most bitter and unjustifiable persecution, the reports of the secular press have proven beyond doubt. Rev. A. J. Hanson, who has been for many years a missionary upon the Pacific coast, in a report published two years ago, says: "Owing to the extremely unsettled character of these people—for the most part single men, without homes or holdings of real estate in this country, moving from place to place as the drift of employment may demand—there is very little reasonable hope of building up any permanent Church organization among them outside of San Francisco, and possibly Portland. It would seem far better to direct our efforts to their ingathering into our American Churches, and their training under the regular pastorate and in our ordinary Sunday-schools, wherever practicable."

In view of all the information it has been possible to obtain, it is thought best not to ask an appropriation for this work at present. At the same time it is suggested that all the local organizations of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in whose territory Chinese are found, be urged to put forth every effort to interest them in religious instruction and bring them under Gospel influences. •

MRS. J. DE W. PADDOCK, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Young People's Work.

THIS Bureau was formed by the Executive Board in January, 1886, such action being deemed wise, as comparatively little attention had been given to the development of this branch of service. Since the time mentioned, seventy Auxiliary Circles and Bands have been reported in *Woman's Home Missions*, and many more have been formed in various sections of the United States. It is quite impossible to state how many Bands have been put into operation during the six years of the Society's existence, but enough to inspire all hearts with enthusiasm. Several of

these are supporting beneficiaries in our Southern work. The Indian Bureau has made successful calls upon the wee ones, and, as a result, the heart of our lone missionary among the Pawnees has been encouraged.

Last July an impetus was afforded this department by the following letter from Freddie Rawcliffe:

"9 CHESTER AVENUE, Taunton, Mass.

"DEAR MADAM,—Can you find time to read a letter from a working-man's little boy? I want to help your cause, and my father suggests that it would be a good thing to afford Methodist children the privilege of founding an Industrial Home, and have the pleasure of giving the entire cost of purchasing a farm and paying for the building. In our great Church there should be children enough to raise one dollar apiece for such good work, and then it could be called the Children's Home. I got nearly all the inclosed dollar by going on errands, which I send, hoping it may stir up all our children to do likewise.

"Wishing you all success, I remain yours truly,

F. R."

We have been inclined to ask each boy and girl in the Methodist Church to earn one dollar, besides the membership fee of 25 cents, and devote the proceeds to the realization of this noble proposition.

MOTHER'S JEWELS.

The Executive Board at its last session previous to the Annual Meeting, recommended that "Mother's Jewels" be secured among babies and other children of six years old and under, by the annual payment of one dime, and that this money be invested in the proposed Children's Industrial Home. Four leaflets have been added to those already published, the distribution of which has gone far toward making clear the work of the Society among juveniles. Undoubtedly the hope of the Church is in the girls and boys of to-day, and their progress must be assured, both as a means of education in systematic benevolence and as a financial success in our undertaking.

YOUNG LADIES' MISSION CIRCLES.

It is very delightful in many Churches to gather together young persons of sixteen years and over, to work for a common cause. We propose, of course, that the management of these circles be entirely in the hands of young ladies, with the gentlemen as honorary members, the membership fee being not less than fifty cents. What shall we call these Mission Circles? Why not Queen Esther Societies, perpetuating the name and memory of that wise and loving ruler, who wrought for her own people? We shall ask our Executive Board to form a Constitution for Young Ladies' Missionary Circles.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau of Supplies.

WE had fully expected that the report presented to you at our last Annual Meeting would have closed our connection with this, one of the most important and interesting of any of the departments of our work. At that meeting you laid upon us the duties of another important Bureau, and promised relief from this. But no successor having been appointed, and being unwilling to see the work suffer, we have carried it along from month to month, still hoping for relief. Having two such important departments of the work, it was not possible to develop either to the extent we desired. We have done all we could, and far more than health or strength justified.

And now that another report must be made, what shall we say? It is

the same old story of privations, of need, of suffering, the story of prompt and generous relief given "for love of Christ, and in his name." Though the story has been so oft told, we never weary of hearing it. Is it not somewhat akin to "the old, old story" which is so often sung; the blessed story of Jesus and his love; the story of all stories, of which we never tire, which is ever fresh and ever new?

The letters containing these stories of want and suffering, these stirring appeals for immediate aid, are the letters you most desire. They never fail to awaken new interest and greater enthusiasm in our work. They have been published in our papers—have been sent to you; and you have read them in your homes, and in your auxiliaries, and in your Churches. They have caused the tear of sympathy to flow, and your hearts have been moved to generous deeds and to acts of loving kindness. Many of you can testify to the great blessings which have come to your homes, your auxiliaries, and your Churches in consequence of your efforts to send blessings to others. Yes, the words of the Master are still verified, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

One of our noble, self-sacrificing ministers wrote to a lady from whom he had received help: "How I wish you could have seen dear Nellie when she received your gifts! If it is more blessed to give than to receive, how blessed you must have been!" Yes, they that have given and they that have received have been together blessed. Your own hearts and the letters which you have received, overflowing with thankfulness and gratitude, bear testimony to this fact. We could fill a volume with touching incidents connected with this department. Many have sent, not only such things as could be readily spared, but have made personal sacrifices in doing what they have done. One marked feature of the year's work has been the large amount of clothing belonging to dear departed ones, which has been contributed. The minister's wife has in several instances given the clothing of her husband, and asked that it might be sent to some frontier minister who was in need. A minister has sent the clothing of his departed wife, saying, "Give them to some missionary; let them be doing good." A childless mother, with her own hands, folded the garments of her three children, and, as the tears flowed thick and fast, said, "They will help some poor, tired mother to make her little ones comfortable." Think you that these hearts made no sacrifices? Many of these packages have been prepared especially for the families to whom they were sent: while many others, apparently sent at random, have seemed to be providentially directed. It has really been wonderful how the needs have been supplied. How often has word come back, "Every thing was just what we needed, and fitted as if made for us." One good old colored minister said, on trying on his suit, "I'd just like to know how *doze* blessed white folks got my measure." One minister writes: "I could hardly have kept my Church together if you had not sent these things. The library, with singing-books, just built up the Sunday-school, and the barrel of clothing made it possible for the children to come to Sunday-school. We have had a revival. Sixty-five were added to the Church, and we owe it all to the help which you have sent us." Others have written, "But for the supplies sent, we must have left our charges and gone to work at day labor in order to clothe our families." Almost every letter ends with—"God bless the Woman's Home Missionary Society!" Who shall say that these prayers are not answered, and that our prosperity is not in a measure due to them?

This department of our work has not only grown and developed with wonderful rapidity, but it has been the means of stimulating other departments. It has served as a lever which has moved many Churches to organize auxiliaries, and has been the means of adding strength and energy to our Society in all its operations. Much of its present strength is due to the interest awakened in our work through the Supply Department.

The supplies reported by our Society during its first year were valued at \$1,542.41; the second year, \$1,886.50; third year, \$7,869.97; fourth year, \$20,737.84; and for the present year are estimated, \$25,672.51.*

A schedule of the operations of the present year is herewith presented showing the number of packages reported 825, and estimated value \$25,672.51; number of Conferences represented, 44. The supplies were sent to more than 200 different places, principally to the North-west, South, and South-west. Many of you will remember the applause given when the amount reported for the third year was announced in the report for that year. The amount was thought to be very large. To-day let us thank our Heavenly Father that we have been so privileged to work for the advancement of his cause. For the sake of the suffering ones we should pray that the grasshopper, the drought, the hail-storms, the cyclones, and the earthquakes might no more visit our borders. While these are grievous afflictions, and bring sorrow and suffering to many homes, they afford to us the blessed privilege of helping to relieve sorrows and assuage woes.

Let us not weary in well-doing. There are still many needy ones. This same "old story" will be told you oft. It will be told you "o'er and o'er," and we doubt not but the love of Christ will constrain you to the same generous deeds of love as heretofore. If we prove ourselves faithful stewards of the Master, and do all in his name, we may enjoy the blessedness of hearing him say unto us, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

Forwarded from November 1, 1885, to October 29, 1886, inclusive.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	No. pkgs.	Estimated value.	NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	No. pkgs.	Estimated value.
Baltimore, ...	4	\$75 00	New Hampshire, . .	23	\$569 36
Central Illinois, . .	1	15 00	New Jersey, ...	6	163 09
Central New York, .	27	1,152 11	New York, ...	9	576 35
Central Ohio, ...	17	268 65	New York East, . . .	15	471 34
Central Pennsylvania,	10	337 06	Northern New York, .	6	130 11
Cincinnati, ...	27	1,085 96	North Indiana, . . .	3	103 00
Colorado, ...	5	181 90	North Ohio, ...	35	1,113 98
Columbia River, . .	1	7 00	North-west Kansas, .	2	14 00
Des Moines, ...	1	30 00	North-west Indiana, .	8	240 15
Detroit, ...	65	1,517 83	North-west Iowa, . .	4	71 78
East Ohio, ...	38	1,070 17	Ohio, ...	9	549 87
Erie, ...	56	1,577 00	Philadelphia, ...	33	1,616 12
Florida, ...	6	86 35	Pittsburg, ...	14	580 28
Genesee, ...	7	318 27	Rock River, ...	36	1,452 83
Illinois, ...	7	207 68	South-east Indiana, .	4	89 55
Iowa, ...	4	83 15	South-west Kansas, .	2	20 60
Kansas, ...	2	68 70	Troy, ...	34	1,356 40
Kentucky, ...	4	133 15	Upper Iowa, ...	30	783 18
Maine, ...	3	52 70	Vermont, ...	32	742 13
Michigan, ...	104	2,515 45	Wyoming, ...	21	941 81
Newark, ...	26	877 93	Wilmington, ...	4	152 64
New England, ...	61	1,596 08			
New England South'rn,	18	673 02			
			Total, ...	825	\$25,672 51

Mrs. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Secretary*.

*Had reports been sent promptly, the amount would have been about \$28,000.

Reports from Committees.

Report on Missionary Intelligence.

THE report of this Committee for the past year can be very briefly given. Its work, as we understood it, was to gather into some central depot missionary intelligence of a general character in regard to these various Home fields, and special facts relating to our work in these, with fresh incidents from time to time, illustrating both *need* and *work*. This intelligence was to be held in the form of circulars, manuscript letters, leaflets, etc., and kept constantly on hand, to be drawn from by Secretaries and others, for use in the formation of auxiliaries, and in sustaining interest afterwards.

This depot of supplies was finally established at the office of *Woman's Home Missions*, Delaware, O., and the Chairman in charge is under great obligation to the other two members of the Committee, Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Willing, for their active and intelligent help in sustaining it through the year. We are under obligation, also, to our missionaries in the various fields, especially to Mrs. Gaddis, for contributions in the way of manuscript letters, with fresh facts and incidents that have been extensively circulated. We may not weigh accurately or measure statistically the amount of work accomplished by these silent yet eloquent voices, as they have sounded out, mid the Churches, notes of alarm, and again *pæans* of early won victories on these fields. We would close this brief report, by again requesting contributions from missionaries, or any others, who have valuable material on hand that can be thus used.

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Chairman*.

Report of Journalistic Secretary.

ONE hundred and five articles have been prepared for the following Church papers: *Zion's Herald*, *Christian Advocate*, *Northern Christian Advocate*, *Western Christian Advocate*, *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, *Central Christian Advocate*, *Methodist Advocate*, *Michigan Christian Advocate*, *Cleveland Christian Advocate*, *Buffalo Christian Advocate*, *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*, *Philadelphia Methodist*, *Baltimore Episcopal Methodist*.

We have not essayed to report any special departments; but to present that which is of general interest. With one or two exceptions, our efforts have not been unrewarded. It may not be out of place to recount the adventures of one child of the pen, named "Send Help to the Frontier." It came into existence under the keenest appreciation of the needs of our self-denying ministers of the Northern and Southern sections of our land. Responses poured in, by way of a barrel of supplies from Providence, R. I., one barrel from Central New York, an offer of a preacher's library from Gloversville, N. Y., and a box of warm clothing from Massachusetts. It caught the eye of that veteran, Mrs. L. A. Wilbur, in Walla Walla, W. T., and brought from her a check for \$20. By being closely followed, it opened general work for our Society in Columbia River Conference, and resulted in the selection of an admirable woman for Secretary and Treasurer there.

This journalistic work is among the mustard-seeds of the Kingdom, which may yet grow into a great tree, overspreading our beloved country,

as apparently difficult as it is to take root; but the Woman's Home Missionary Society must pray for rain, for dew, for nourishment; and we are sure the Lord will not smite it, as he did the barren fig-tree, with the mildew of his displeasure.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, *Secretary*.

Report on Mite-Boxes.

I TAKE pleasure in submitting the following report on Mite-boxes, for the year ending October 21, 1886:

Number of boxes on hand, October 21, 1885, ...	77
“ “ “ ordered of Mr. C. S. Cheever, during the year ending October 21, 1886, ...	5,000
Total number, ...	5,077
Number of boxes sent to persons, ...	5,059
Number of boxes on hand October 21, 1886, ...	18
Amount of cash received during six months ending May 1, 1886, ...	\$1 70
Post-office order collected by Mrs. James Dale, ...	2 50
Amount sent in postage for payment of boxes sent by mail, 1 00	

During my absence of six months, the Board appointed Mrs. E. P. Marshall as Committee on Distribution of Mite-boxes. Mrs. A. R. Clark and Mrs. W. I. Fee also very kindly assisted. I can only present the report of the number of boxes sent during my official term.

Number of boxes sent November, 1885, ...	783
“ “ “ “ December, “	158
“ “ “ “ January, 1886, ...	183
“ “ “ “ February, “	319
“ “ “ “ March, “	1,023
“ “ “ “ April, “	425

I give the total number of boxes sent, as shown by the applications from persons, by the express receipts, and by the records of Mrs. A. R. Clark and Mrs. E. P. Marshall:

Total number sent during the year ending October 21, 1886, .	5,059
Number of boxes on hand, November 1, 1886, ...	18

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman*.

Report on the Training-school.

THE Chicago Training-school has passed the first year of active operation, having been opened October 20, 1885. The year has been marked by what seems to its friends a marvelous success. Twenty-two different pupils have been under instruction during the year. A new building, suitable for the accommodation of a family of fifty, is in process of erection in a pleasant locality, and easily accessible to all parts of the city by street railways. The cost of the land and expense of erection have been largely met, and it is hoped will be entirely canceled before its dedication. The pupils in course of training are all employed in evangelistic work in the city. Two afternoons of each week are devoted to visitation from house to house; Saturday to Industrial, Kintergarten, and Temperance work; and Sunday to Sunday-school teaching. Thus every pupil, whatever her purpose for the future, during her course of instruction is employed as a City Missionary. The following extract from *The Message*, the organ of the Training-school, April, 1886, gives some idea of the routine work:

"We prepare for three fields, the Foreign, Home, and City Mission work; but our practical work while in training is concentrated on the one field of this city; and here lies the value of the school to the city. The first three months of this year our pupils will have received 189 hours of instruction—three daily—of which 76 have been on the English Bible. In practical work they will have made over 600 calls, with nearly 60 opportunities for prayer in the Home, distributed hundreds of tracts and Church-cards, and invited hundreds of people to Church and Sunday-school. We have organized three Industrial schools, and assisted in two others, and have had about 125 in our Sunday-school classes. We now have workers in eight Churches and Missions. Our plan is to put ladies under the various pastors, making them responsible to the pastor for results and to us for methods. The time seems near when every Church and Mission in the city, that needs help from us, may have, without expense, two or more workers under the direction of the pastor."

The school is open to any lady a member of any evangelical Church, who wishes to prepare for Christian work, city, Home, or Foreign. Lectures by resident clergymen and physicians, each in the line of their profession, as well as by laymen and women, leaders in different departments of benevolent Christian work, have been given free throughout the year, embracing among other themes: "Christian Evidences," "Bible Interpretation," "Medicine and Nursing," "Home and Foreign Missions," "Principles of Kindergarten Work," "Industrial Schools." In addition to these instructions, the resident teachers have daily classes in the English Bible, Bible History, Methods, Prayer-meeting Talks, Blackboard Work, Doctrines, and the Discipline.

The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new building took place September 13th. Bishop Foster made the address. Among other things he said:

"This school is a growth. It has arisen to meet an absolute necessity." "I do not imagine any one of you can conceive what it may become." "It is not impossible that in a few years' time you will be sending out scores of workers." "It is a great thing that these students can have this training, and the best part of it is that they are indentured to the very hardest mission work in the hardest part of Chicago. It will develop courage, skill, invention, heroism, and devotion."

In making this report, we wish gratefully to record the special providence that has attended the work from the beginning; raising up friends for its financial necessity, and helpers and instructors, who have labored and taught gratuitously in all its departments. And so on this first milestone on our way we record "*Ebenezer*."

Mrs. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman*.

Report on Missionary Candidates,

DURING the year about thirty ladies have applied for work under our Society. As we can send only a few of them, on account of our limited means, it has required considerable work to find which were the best of the applicants. We made the rule that no lady could be considered by the Committee till she had been recommended by her Conference Board. Ladies who know her home record must be the ones to vouch for her adaptability to our work.

Miss E. L. Jolls, of Fredonia, N. Y.; Miss Alice Houghton, of Holliston, Mass.; Miss M. H. Walters, of Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. Sarah D. Snow have passed their Conference Boards, the Missionary Candidates' Committee, and the General Executive Board, and most of them are under appointment.

Miss E. J. Betts passed the Committee and the General Board, with the proviso that she wait for her appointment till we open work in Charleston.

Mrs. Ellen A. Matthews has been passed by the Missionary Candidates' Committee, and also by the Board of Managers, for appointment at Castle Garden, N. Y.

Miss E. D. Santley, of Lynn, Ill.; Mrs. M. J. Brewster, of Southbridge, Mass., and Miss Hattie Wilcox, of Belleville, O., have been recommended by the Missionary Candidates' Committee for appointment as missionaries.

JENNIE F. WILLING, *Chairman*.

Report on Transportation.

YOUR committee, through the kindness of the Secretaries of the leading Railway Associations, was able to secure the usual reduction in rates for delegates and visitors to the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society held at Detroit, October 28th to November 3d, 1886.

The only exception to this was on the roads west of Chicago, with which it was impossible to make an arrangement for reduced rates. The Committee desire to express their appreciation of the promptness and courtesy of the railway officials, and to heartily indorse the resolution of thanks extended to them by name, which has been adopted by this meeting, as presented by the Committee on Resolutions.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, *Chairman, pro tem*.

Report of the Publisher of "Home Missions."

As we again present briefly in this report the history of our little paper for another year, it is with our early conviction emphasized, that it was surely a child of Providence, and that its life has been eminently one of faith on the part of our Society. This history of the past year is only that of the two former years repeated. Some months, sky bright, seas calm, friends everywhere smiling, a full treasury, and with our little white sails spread gayly, laughing at any possibility of failure. Then again, turning from this fair weather, we meet life's rainy days, the sunshine gone out of our little office, and expenses, ever relentless, now pursuing an empty treasury, not knowing surely just where our next meal is to come from; every mail showing us friends with averted faces; and the mistakes of a thousand postal clerks all over the land, to say nothing of careless fathers, husbands, brothers, all thrown right back on the publisher's office. All these unite to make one feel that even faith's beautiful calm can not always still such unquiet seas. And yet, as each month would round up, somehow cash and expense books would finally meet, balance up all difficulties, and prove our proposition true, that faith was the good Genii in control, walking alike the troubled waters, and prevailing in the unequal strife. We think the Annual Meeting at Philadelphia must have recognized, with us, this faith support, as it so gracefully handed the paper over to us once more, after most liberally voting increase of salary to editor and publisher, with clerk to the latter, believing, we suppose, that the heavenly Genii would provide for these, too, as a part still of the "all things to them that believe." And so, dear sisters, it is with pleasure and a grateful heart that we come up to this Annual Meeting, reporting the child still living and well, with even those increased expenses all met, and (would you believe it?) twelve dollars and nineteen cents in the bank as capital in stock to begin a new year with.

As faith works by means, it will not invalidate our pet theory, but will be just all round, to acknowledge the great indebtedness we hold to the many friends who have stood so beautifully by us through the year; among whom may we mention our dear Mrs. A. C. Morrow, of New York, whose busy life, "kept for the Master's use," was not too busy to pledge

herself last Annual Meeting to keep one page of our paper full of advertisements throughout the year, promising thus to net us two hundred dollars. The pledge has been faithfully kept, and that page has been our inspiration, as, without any care or trouble to us, it has come up each month with its twenty or more dollars, netting for the year two hundred and twenty dollars. And again would we acknowledge that unfailing stream of subscribers from our good Anamosa friend in Iowa, full, free, and never ceasing, through Summer's heat and Winter's chill never forgetting us, or failing in the hard work it meant for her, while netting, too, many hundred names from all over those wonderful prairies of our West. "Let my right hand forget its cunning," but never these good friends. One more acknowledgment indulge us in, though we would make it modestly, for obvious reasons, without the many favors of the office where it is printed our paper would hardly have come out each year with the financial success it has. Its business has so widened out that a large office, with all the appliances necessary to a large publishing business—conveniences of shelves for back files, and business desks, three of which have been gradually laid hold of, and are now in use, *rent free*—has become necessary. During mailing days two of these rooms are needed and brought into use, provided with comfortable fires by the office, though not owned by it, and each month's rent is paid for the same, *without cost to us*. While we can not report as large an increase of subscribers as last year, we can report less of change, as if we were holding better these old friends. Our subscription list now numbers nearly 11,000.

I would like, in closing, to bear witness to the pleasant office relations of the editor and publisher. With all the weight of care there has been mutual forbearance, making a pleasure of this past year's business relations. I have no financial recommendations to make, except that three more sister Morrows be found living in large cities, who will take the remaining advertising pages, and do for them and the publisher, whoever she may be, what our little New York friend has done for us.

FINANCIAL SHOWING.

Receipts.

Subscriptions, 10,705, ...	\$2,676 25	
Advertisements, ...	388 00	
Mother's Jewels, ...	29 12	
Donations by cash and small change, ...	16 96	
Total receipts, ...	\$3,110 33	
Balance on hand, ...	35 66	
Grand total, ...		\$3,145 99

Expenses.

Printing, mailing, etc., ...	\$2,152 53	
Salaries, ...	600 00	
Postage, stationery, postal cards, etc., Post-office box, ...	141 22	
Clerk's hire, ...	95 67	
Putting in type 10,705 names, ...	112 00	
Sundries, stamps, ...	32 38	
Total expenses, ...	\$3,133 80	
Balance, ...	12 19	
Total, ...		\$3,145 99

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Publisher.*

Report on Publication and Leaflets.

THE publications for the year include 8,000 copies of the Annual Report, 3,000 copies of Dr. Haygood's Address, 2,000 copies of the Constitution for Juvenile Societies, 3,000 circulars on Industrial Training Schools, together with quite a large amount of blanks for reports, letter-heads and envelopes, circulars, labels, and wrappers for Mite-boxes, programs, and a variety of forms, orders, bills, etc. Twelve new Leaflets (each of four pages) have been set in type, the plates electrotyped, and 8,000 copies of each have been struck off; also from nine different plates, electrotyped previously, 8,000 copies each have been struck off; making a total of 168,000 copies and 490,000 pages. These Leaflets have been published since last June, at which time I was requested by the Executive Board to take charge of the matter until the close of the fiscal year. The first edition, consisting of 80,000 copies, and a part of the second, have been distributed among the Conference Secretaries and others who have made individual application, 500 copies of each variety were brought to this Meeting for distribution, and about 3,000 copies of each kind are still in my custody. But I now resign this work, and will turn over the Leaflets and plates to the care of my successor in office when she has been duly appointed. It may be well for you to consider here whether it is desirable to develop this work more fully, and make it into a department, or whether the variety now provided is sufficient to meet the needs of the Society for the present year.

The issue of the Annual Report, a stout octavo pamphlet of 133 pages, was delayed somewhat through unavoidable circumstances. For the past four years a full report of the work of our Society has been published yearly in this form, including the journal of the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting. While thus a very complete history of the work from the beginning of the Society has been given, which is of great value to the members, the cost of publication has been large, and it has been suggested that hereafter, to save expense, more of this matter should be published in the paper, *Home Missions*, and less in the Annual Report. It is for you to decide whether this shall be done. I herewith submit the recommendation of the Executive Board, together with a plan for the further division of the matter usually published in the Annual Report.

Having served for several years as editor, I now decline to be a candidate for re-election. I take this opportunity to express to you my thanks for your forbearance, and for your approval of my work, and to ask the special privilege of naming my successor in office. I move that Mrs. F. A. Aiken be appointed editor of the Fifth Annual Report.

Mrs. F. S. HOYT, *Chairman.*

Report on Beneficiaries.

TO AID poor girls to obtain an education and "industrial training" through the Homes of our Society is the object of the Beneficiary Fund. Many young men of our Church have been aided by friends to become teachers, physicians, and preachers, while no such help has been offered to girls. Life in the cabins of the South, or in the hovels of the ignorant and oppressed in other parts of our country, is destitute of the elevating influences of the true home life. We desire to give struggling girls, with aspirations for a better life, but without the means to avail themselves of a regular school and industrial training, a little help—financial assistance—to enable them to become good servants, good housekeepers, or may be teachers and missionaries. It is our hope that these girls may go out from the Homes with a true conception of Christian character, order, and grace.

It was the privilege of this Society to assist sixty girls last year by donating amounts of money, varying from ten dollars to forty, to each girl assisted, according to her need. If we would open wide our doors, and bid the girls come to us to be educated, thousands would apply for entrance. Indeed so tender is the heart of womanhood and motherhood for this wide benevolence that much of our funds would run in this channel. *This is not* the policy of our Society. To aid girls *to help themselves*, and not to support them, is the design of our Beneficiary Fund. Our work must be symmetrical in its projections, if we expect it to be commended, and in this field of true benevolence must be restricted and guarded.

The Committee submit the following recommendations:

1. That we will appropriate for Beneficiaries a sum equal to the support of one-half the number of girls sustained in each of our Industrial Homes connected with our Church schools, provided that twelve girls constitute the family. And at our Homes not connected with Church schools a sum equal to two-thirds of the number in the family.

2. That the amount for each girl in Homes connected with Church schools shall not exceed forty dollars per year; but in Homes located independently of Church schools each girl shall receive sixty dollars per year. (This exception is made because the school year, which governs the time for occupying the Home by girls connected with the schools, is limited to eight months; and the girls in the Homes outside of this connection remain the whole year, or twelve months.)

3. That at the beginning of the scholastic year, the Superintendent of Homes located in connection with Church schools, shall confer with the presidents of said schools, and they together (in accordance with the wishes of donors, as far as possible), select the Beneficiaries for the year.

4. That the names of the girls thus chosen be submitted to the General Executive Board for approval, and be placed on record by the Recording Secretary, to be known as the Beneficiaries of the Society; and that a list of the same also be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for reference in use of funds.

5. That in the selection of Beneficiaries for the Homes not connected with Church schools, the Superintendent shall confer with the Secretary of the Bureau which has supervision of that particular Home, and the names of the girls thus chosen be submitted to the Executive Board for action, as specified in the preceding paragraph.

6. One or more persons may support a girl in any Church school, and have due credit for the same, provided that the necessary funds be not taken from the regular Auxiliary Funds, but contributed for that special purpose.

7. That all moneys contributed for Beneficiaries shall be sent, as other moneys are sent, through the Conference Treasurers to the General Treasurer; and in no case shall *vouchers* be accepted instead of money.

8. That the General Treasurer shall make remittances for the support of Beneficiaries to the Superintendents of the Homes at such regular intervals as the Executive Board may determine.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, *Chairman.*

Report on "Woman's Home Missions."

Your Committee to whom were intrusted the interests of our paper desire to report that they have endeavored to give careful attention to all of the details of this work. After due investigation they decided that it would be for the best to the interest of the Society to continue to have it issued by the firm that has from the first given good satisfaction. Accordingly we made a contract with said firm for another year. The edi-

torial work has also received the kindly supervision of the Committee. Editor, publisher, and Committee have worked together, each desirous of producing the best possible results. While we work for improvement, we also realize the need of enlargement, and of many important changes, in order to make the paper what all desire to see it. The combined efforts of editor, publisher, and Committee can not bring about these changes without your hearty co-operation. A little effort on the part of each member, and our subscription list will be more than doubled. Then shall we be able to present to you a paper that will fully meet the needs of our rapidly developing work.

MRS. JOHN L. WHETSTONE, *Chairman.*

Report on Resolutions.

RESOLVED, 1. That we tender our sincere thanks to our beloved President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, for the help and inspiration her presence has afforded to us; and that we acknowledge gratefully our appreciation of the kind and efficient way in which Mrs. John Davis has presided at the business sessions of our Annual Meeting.

2. That our earnest thanks are given to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, our Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, and our Recording Secretaries, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, and Miss M. Van Marter, for the faithful performance of the arduous labors pertaining to their offices.

3. That we part from the Secretary of our Bureau of Organization, Mrs. J. F. Willing, with regret; and that we recognize and appreciate her indefatigable and successful labors.

4. That we offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. W. M. Ampt in her sad bereavement and illness; to Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, prostrated from overwork; to Mrs. J. H. Bayliss in her illness; and to all those who have been kept from our Meeting by affliction.

5. That we return thanks to Rev. J. M. Buckley, and to all others who have turned aside in their busy lives to give us words of encouragement and inspiration; and to Mrs. L. H. Thomas, to Mrs. W. A. Abrahams, and to all others who have brightened our meetings with their excellent music.

6. That the courtesies extended to this Annual Meeting by the various railway associations and street-car companies, in granting reduced rates to delegates and visitors, is most heartily appreciated; and that we offer a special vote of thanks to Mr. George H. Daniels, Assistant Commissioner Central Traffic Association; to Mr. W. Fleming, Secretary Trunk-line Commission; to Mr. M. Slaughter, Commissioner Southern Pass Committee; and to Mr. Geo. E. King, Secretary Railway Association of Michigan, the gentlemen through whom these favors were secured; that we tender thanks to those railroad and express companies that have throughout the year generously transported our Supplies, free of charge; and to the reporters of all the papers who have given full and accurate reports of our meetings.

7. That we express our gratitude to the trustees and the pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, who have so kindly placed at our disposal this commodious and beautiful edifice; and to the sexton for his faithful attention to our wants.

8. That we extend our grateful thanks to Mrs. D. W. Hollister, Mrs. Edward Smith, and the ladies of Detroit, who have so hospitably entertained the delegates in their homes; to Mrs. J. Crebben and her helpers, who have provided us daily with delicious lunches; to Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers and the Committee on Arrangements and Transportation; and to Mrs. James Burns and the Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society for

the delightful reception tendered to Mrs. Hayes and the ladies of the General Executive Board.

9. That we remember gratefully the service of our dear little pages, and pray God's blessing upon them that they may grow to be true Home Missionary women.

10. That to each of these we say, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Chairman*.

MRS. A. C. MORROW, *Secretary*.

Report on Finance and Mission Fields.

THE Committee on Finance and Mission Fields recommend as follows:

I. APPROPRIATIONS.

COLORED WORK.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Land for site, ...	\$300
Finishing Industrial Home, ...	175
Laundry and out-buildings, ...	200
Fence, ...	60
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses, ...	400
	\$1,135
CAMDEN, S. C.—For building Industrial Home, ...	160
For building Industrial Home (conditional), ...	2,000
“ furnishing, “ “ “ “	500
	\$2,660
GREENSBORO, N. C.—Building Industrial Home, ...	2,000
Improvement of grounds, fence, and well, ...	200
Furnishing and incidentals, ...	600
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses, ...	400
	\$3,200
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Improvements, ...	150
Repairs and incidentals, ...	225
Two teachers at \$400, ...	800
Teacher, ...	350
Industrial work (conditional), ...	500
	\$2,025
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Building Industrial Home, ...	2,000
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Improvements (additional story), ...	1,200
Furnishing, ...	500
Repairs, improvements, and incidentals, ...	200
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses, ...	480
Matron, ...	120
	\$2,500
ATLANTA, GA.—Building Industrial Home, ...	2,800
Furnishing and incidentals, ...	500
Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses, ...	480
Teacher, ...	400
	\$4,180

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Missionary (conditional), ...	\$400
Incidentals (conditional), ...	150
	<u>\$550</u>
SAVANNAH, GA.—Finishing and furnishing third story, . . .	400
Finishing day nursery building, ...	200
Furnishing and supporting day nursery, ...	300
Repairs and incidentals, ...	400
Speedwell work, ...	100
Two teachers at \$480, ...	960
One teacher at \$400, ...	400
	<u>\$2,760</u>
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Site and Industrial Home building, .	6,000
Matron, ...	400
Assistant, ...	350
Incidentals, ...	150
Cistern, ...	100
	<u>\$7,000</u>
NEW ORLEANS, La.—Two missionary teachers at \$400, . . .	* 800
Building Industrial Home (conditional), ...	4,000
Conference Mission Schools (conditional), ...	700
School Aid (conditional), ...	600
Teacher \$40 per month (conditional), ...	250
	<u>\$6,350</u>
TEXAS AND WEST TEXAS.—Conference Work, ...	300
MARSHALL, TEX.—Industrial Home, ...	2,000
Furnishing, ...	400
	<u>\$2,700</u>
BENEFICIARIES, ...	\$4,000

SOUTHERN WHITE WORK.

The "conditional" appropriations below reported are recommended in accordance with the action taken in the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of the Holston, Kentucky, Arkansas, Little Rock, and Southern California Conferences (these being mission territory) be allowed each to present a schedule of appropriations of the moneys raised within its respective bounds to the General Executive Board for its approval; and when the appropriations are so approved, the Treasurer of the General Executive Board be allowed to receive the vouchers of the Conference Treasurers for moneys so expended, and give credit for the same."

HOLSTON CONFERENCE, TENN.—Missionary (conditional), . .	\$400
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Industrial Home (conditional), .	3,000
KENTUCKY CONFERENCE—Missionary work, ...	500
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE—Industrial School (conditional),	3,000
	<u>\$6,900</u>
Total, ...	\$6,900

* To be used in part for white work, if found desirable.

INDIAN WORK.

PAWNEE, I. T.—Missionary, ...	\$500
Incidentals, ...	150
PAWHUSKA, I. T.—Mission-house, ...	600
Missionary, ...	400
Incidentals, ...	150
QUILLAYUTE, W. T.—Missionary, ...	350
NOOKSACK JUNCTION, W. T.—Missionary, ...	200
MONTANA—Missionary, ...	500
Total, ...	\$2,850

UTAH.

Scandinavian Work.

Mt. PLEASANT—Teacher, ...	\$480
MORONI—“	400
ELSNORE—“	400
GRANTSVILLE—“	400
SPANISH FORK—“	400
RICHFIELD—“ (200 conditional), ...	400
EPHRAIM—“	400
General extension of work, ...	660
SAN PETE VALLEY—Missionary, ...	480
SALT LAKE—“	480
RICHFIELD—Seats for school-room, ...	60
EPHRAIM—“	60
ELSNORE—House furnishing, ...	100
SALT LAKE—Industrial work, ...	66
Incidentals, ...	200
Three mission-houses (two conditional), ...	2,100

English Work.

SALT LAKE—Missionary, ...	480
OGDEN—“	480
PROVO—“	480
Postage, ...	60
Total, ...	\$8,586
NEW MEXICO, ...	2,000

CONFERENCE WORK.

Michigan Conference (conditional),*	\$2,000
Detroit Conference (conditional),*	2,500
Pittsburg Conference (conditional),*	500
Chicago Bohemian work (conditional),*	400
New York Conference—Castle Garden Missionary, ...	500
Newark Conference (conditional),*	500
Cleveland city work (conditional),*	500
West German Conference (conditional),*	700
Oregon Conference (conditional),*	500
Chicago Training-school—Building Fund, ...	1,000
Total, ...	\$9,100
CHICAGO TRAINING-SCHOOL—Superintendent of Industrial School work, ...	200
House-to-house visitation, ...	200
Total, ...	\$400

* To be raised within the Conference.

LOCAL WORK IN CITIES, ...	\$3,604
ALASKA (conditional), ...	1,000
INCIDENTAL, ...	1,500

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Southern Colored Work, ...	\$37,060
Southern White Work, ...	6,900
Beneficiaries, ...	4,000
Indian Work, ...	2,850
Utah—Scandinavian Work, ...	7,146
English Work, ...	1,440
New Mexico, ...	2,000
Conference Work, ...	8,100
Chicago Training-school, ...	1,400
Alaska, ...	1,000
Local Work in Cities, ...	1,604
Incidental expenses, ...	1,500
Total, ...	\$75,000

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Board of Managers appropriate \$300 from the Special Utah Fund for expenses incurred in the prosecution of mission work in Utah.

2. That Mrs. Hester Williams, of Louisiana Conference, be authorized to raise money for the building of a Hester Williams Industrial Home, located in or near Baton Rouge; the funds to be paid into the General Treasury as collected.

3. That the Northern and Central New York Conferences be allowed to apply all the moneys raised this year by the extension of the work to the building of a Home in New Orleans to the memory of Bishop Peck.

4. That money appropriated to the support of young ladies in the Chicago Training-school be accepted as legitimate Beneficiary money.

5. That the children be invited to contribute toward the building of an Industrial Home in some neglected portion of our country, the location to be hereafter determined.

That the Mother's Jewels Fund be appropriated to the Children's Industrial Home.

6. That the Minnesota Conference be permitted to use all its "Supplies" and one-half its Home Missionary Funds in its own Conference, for preachers and their families.

That the presiding elders be requested to send a list of the names of preachers needing supplies to the Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies.

7. (a) That the amount allowed for the support of each Beneficiary in Homes connected with Church schools do not exceed forty dollars per annum; in Homes not so connected, sixty dollars per annum.

(b) That the entire appropriation for Beneficiaries be a sum equal to the support of six girls in each Industrial Home.

(c) That at the beginning of the school year the Superintendent of the Home and the President of the school with which the Home is connected select from the advanced grades of students the Beneficiaries for the ensuing year; and that in Homes not connected with Church schools the selection be made by the Superintendent and the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the Home.

(d) That the names of the Beneficiaries selected be transmitted to the Secretary, to be placed upon record, and to the Treasurer for reference.

(e) That all Beneficiary Funds be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasury, and that in no case credit be given for funds not so remitted.

That the General Treasurer make remittances for the support of Beneficiaries to the Superintendents of Homes at such regular intervals as the Executive Board shall determine.

(f) That Beneficiaries approved by the Executive Board may be educated in any Church school, provided the necessary funds be not taken from the ordinary auxiliary funds, but contributed for the special purpose.

S. That the Genesee Conference be permitted to use its money in work in the Bureau of the West Southern States.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, *Secretary*.

Names and Location of Industrial Homes.

"MATTHEW SIMPSON," INDUSTRIAL HOME,		Orangeburg, S. C.
"KENT,"	" "	 Greensboro, N. C.
"HAVEN,"	" "	 Savannah, Ga.
"ATLANTA,"	" "	 Atlanta, Ga.
"BOYLAN,"	" "	 Jacksonville, Fla.
"ELIZABETH L. RUST,"	" "	 Holly Springs, Miss.
"ADELINE M. SMITH,"	" "	 Little Rock, Ark.

Ladies of New England Southern Conference are raising funds to build a HOME AT CAMDEN, S. C.

Ladies of Central Ohio Conference are raising funds to build a HOME AT MARSHALL, TEXAS.

Findlay District, Central Ohio Conference, is raising funds to build a LUCY HAYES SCHOOL-HOUSE IN UTAH.

Funds are being raised to build a HOME AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.; also, AT MORRISTOWN, TENN.

Names of Missionaries and Teachers

AND FIELDS OF LABOR.

MISS JOSEPHINE COWGILL, Missionary,	201 Julia Street,	New Orleans, La.
MRS. JOAN BENTLEY, Teacher,		" " "
MRS. S. M. LEWIS, Missionary, "Haven" Home,		Savannah, Ga.
MISS V. E. BALDWIN,	" "	" "
MISS S. O. PURDUM, Superintendent "Simpson" Home,		Orangeburg, S. C.
MRS. S. D. SNOW,	" "Kent" "	 Greensboro, N. C.
MISS F. E. MITCHELL,	" "Atlanta" "	 Atlanta, Ga.
MISS H. E. EMERSON,	" "Boylan" "	 Jacksonville, Fla.
MISS S. JOHNSON,	" "E. L. Rust" "	 Holly Springs, Miss.
MISS E. H. MCINTOSH,	" "A. M. Smith" "	 Little Rock, Ark.
MRS. L. C. BRADLEY, Missionary		" " "
MISS M. A. LOCKE,		Salt Lake City, Utah.
MISS M. A. BIDWELL, Teacher,		Salt Lake Seminary, "
MISS C. M. LARSEN,	" "	 Mt. Pleasant, "
MISS J. S. LINCOLN,	" "	 Provo, "

MISS E. L. ANDERSON, Teacher, ... Maroni, Utah.
 MISS L. M. SAUGSTAD, " Ephraim, "
 MRS. M. M. SKEWES, " Ogden, "
 MRS. F. T. GADDIS, Missionary, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory (mail via
 Arkansas City, Kan.)

Names of Missionaries who began Work this Year, 1886—1887.

MISS E. L. JOLLS, Missionary, "Haven" Home, ... Savannah, Ga.
 MISS M. H. WALTERS, " Provo, Utah.
 MISS M. HELGERSON, Teacher, ... Mt. Pleasant, "
 MRS. MARY MONNETT, Missionary, ... New Orleans, La.
 MISS E. J. BETTS, " Charleston, S. C.
 MRS. ANNA D. CHRISTEPHERSON, Missionary, ... Salt Lake City, Utah.
 MRS. HELEN A. MATTHEWS, " Castle Garden, N. Y. City.

Under the sanction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, schools have been established in quite a number of places which, for the most part, are self-sustaining. In two cases, where the people are able to pay but little tuition, by request of Miss Cowgill, our Society has paid \$5 per month to the teachers, who are essentially *helpers* in our work. The names of persons so assisted are:

MISS GEORGINA HALE, Teacher, ... New Orleans, La.
 MISS LIZZIE TAYLOR, " " " "

Report of the Treasurer.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, in Account with the Woman's Home Missionary Society,

November 1, 1885, to November 1, 1886.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

MISS IDA J. BROOKS, Secretary. MRS. H. RUDD, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference offerings, \$12.85; Eureka Springs, \$1.00.
 Total, \$13.85.

Beneficiary Fund.—Receipts from Conference, \$78.90 (to students in Philander Smith College).
 Total, \$78.90.

Grand total, ... \$92.75.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. H. RIPLEY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Washington, D. C., McKendree Chapel, Mrs. M. E. Rankin, \$30.00; Waugh Chapel, \$15.00; Union Auxiliary, \$114 (to missionary at Pawnee); Foundry, Young Ladies' Society, \$16.00; Conference collection, \$7.00.
 Total, \$182.00.

Life Members.—Mrs. H. M. Sellers, Mrs. Louisa C. Wilson.

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

———, Secretary. ———, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference offerings, \$34.80; to Gleanings, \$5.50.
 Total, \$40.30.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

———, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Tiskilwa, \$30.00.

Total, \$30.00.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah Fund*: Normal, Ill., \$20.00; Mrs. Hap-
perly, \$10.00.

Total, \$30.00.

Grand total, ... \$60.00.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Secretary.

Mrs. J. F. PEASE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—GENEVA DISTRICT.—Penn Yann Auxiliary, \$16.00;
"Willing Workers," \$23.00; Milo Centre, \$5.00; Palmyra, \$1.00; Port Gib-
son, \$6.00.

Total, \$51.00.

ITHACA DISTRICT.—Ithaca, Aurora Street, \$30.00; Mite-box, \$2.50; New-
field, \$10.00; Mecklenburg, \$24.10; Trumansburg, \$31.50; West Dryden,
\$8.15; Townsendville, \$1.00.

Total, \$107.25.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—Syracuse, First Church, \$88.75; Furman Street,
\$10.25; Lysander, \$11.00; Onondaga, \$1.00.

Total, \$111.00.

AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn, First Church, \$60.99; Wall Street, \$22.25;
Cedar Vale, \$1.00; Red Creek, \$1.00; Wolcott, \$2.00.

Total, \$87.24.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Cazenovia, \$22.00; Chittenango, \$1.00; Oneida,
\$14.00; Keeney Settlement, \$1.00; Cortland, \$24.25.

Total, \$62.25.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Elmira, First Church, \$18.00; Blossburg, \$3.00; Nel-
son, \$3.25.

Total, \$24.25.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, \$15.25.

Total, \$15.25.

Total to General Fund, ... \$458.24.

Beneficiary Fund.—Penn Yann, "Willing Workers," \$45.00 (to A. L.
Smith Home); Baldwinsville, \$8.00 (to Haven Home); Syracuse, "Golden
Rule" Mission Band, \$60.00 (to Haven Home); Elmira, "Busy Bess,"
\$7.00 (to Haven Home).

Total, \$120.00.

Special Fund.—Penn Yann, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Mrs. McCarty,
\$5.00 (to Indian Cottage Fund); Baldwinsville, Miss Emily Ham, Mite-box
collection, \$12.00; Auburn, First Church, \$19.17 (to Greensboro Home);
Syracuse, \$14.85 (to Savannah Fund); Cazenovia, \$1.00 (to Savannah Fund).
Oneida, \$5.00 (to Savannah Fund); Ithaca, Aurora Street, \$74.21 (to Sa-
vannah Fund); Cortland, \$3.75 (Mother's Jewels); Tyrone, \$1.00 (to Savan-
nah Fund).

Total, \$145.98.

Grand total, ... \$724.22.

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, \$10.50; De Graff,
\$36.71; Hardin, \$10.75; Huntsville, \$1.00; New Madison, \$1.00; Quincy,
\$29.00; Sidney, \$51.42.

Total, \$140.38.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Bryan, \$19.00; "Earnest Workers," \$6.45; Defi-
ance, \$12.00; Deshler, \$4.40; Pioneer, \$21.35.

Total, \$93.20.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Delaware, William Street, \$52.15; Lucy Hayes
Band, \$11.00; Fowler, \$2.00; Kenton Circuit, \$8.15; Marion, \$21.37; Chil-
dren's Band, \$3.12; Marysville, Young Ladies, \$48.00; Mt. Victory, \$2.00;
Prospect, \$20.00; Richwood, \$1.80; Richwood Circuit, \$2.09; South Ken-
ton, \$3.85.

Total, \$175.53.

FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, \$24.87; Adrian, \$5.00; Bluffton, \$1.00; Find-
lay, \$38.50; Findlay Circuit, \$1.00; Rawson, \$5.00; Fostoria, \$2.44.

Total, \$77.81.

LIMA DISTRICT.—Celina, \$11.60; Delphos, \$2.00; Elida, \$5.00; Fort

Recovery, \$9.32; Lafayette, Herring Charge, \$24.80; Salem Charge, \$9.05; Lima, \$28.75; St. Mary's, \$2.45; Spencerville, \$4.50; Young Ladies, \$2.37; Total, \$99.84.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bowling Green, \$15.75; Gibsonburg Charge, \$5.00. Greensburg Charge, \$4.61; Fremont, \$45.50; Oak Harbor, \$14.50; Toledo, St. Paul, \$91.00. Total, \$176.36.

Total to General Fund, ... \$763.12.

Beneficiary Fund.—Defiance, \$43.56 (to Miss Hale, New Orleans); Ada, \$5.00 (to Miss Cowgill, New Orleans); Fostoria, Children's Band, \$24.72 (to a girl at Jacksonville, Fla.); Fremont, "Earnest Workers," \$32.50 (to Mary Boatner, Savannah); Toledo, "Willing Workers," \$37.62 (to Adaline Pol-lard, Savannah). Total, \$143.40.

Special Funds.—SAVANNAH FUND.—Defiance, \$17.92; Ada, \$1.00.

Total, \$18.92.

UTAH FUND.—Agosta, \$2.00; Delaware, William Street, \$95.00; Find-lay, \$100.00; Fremont, \$75.00. Total, \$272.00.

INDIAN FUND.—Delaware, William Street, \$20.50; Lucy Hayes Band, \$33.38; Fremont, \$20.00. Total, \$73.88.

Sidney, \$50.00 (to furnish a room in Simpson Home); Findlay, \$140.00 (to be applied as donors direct); Napoleon, \$1,000 (to be used for Indus-trial school not located). Total, \$1,190.00.

Total, ... \$1,554.80.

Grand total, ... 2,461.32.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. W. OWEN, Secretary.

Mrs. J. W. MEESE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference collections, \$38.00.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—Williamsport: Mulberry Street, \$11.50; Mrs. Gearhart, \$1.00; Milton, \$17.50. Total, \$30.00.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.—Chambersburg, \$4.50; Harrisburg, Grace Church, \$23.50. Total, \$28.00.

Total to General Fund, ... \$96.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Chambersburg, Juvenile Society, \$13.00 (to Haven Home); Rev. John S. Loyd, \$10.00 (to Central Tennessee students).

Total, \$23.00.

Special Fund.—Williamsport, Mulberry Street, \$8.00 (to Indian Cot-tage Fund); Chambersburg, \$2.50 (to Lucy Hayes' School-houses); Con-ference Offering, \$37.00 (\$17.00 to Indian Cottage Fund; \$20.00 to Lucy Hayes' School-houses). Total, \$47.50.

Grand Total, ... \$166.50.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Miss CLARA ALLEN, Secretary.

Mrs. JAMES DALE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: Asbury, \$20.00; Young People's Society, \$30.00; Mt. Auburn, \$45.50; Trinity, \$87.94; Walnut Hills, \$93.51; Milford, \$8.50; Morrow, \$7.25; Pleasant Ridge, \$38.00; "Willing Workers," \$14.90; Waynesville, Young Ladies' Society, \$19.25; Xenia, First Church, \$56.20; Young People's Society, \$13.50. Total, \$434.55.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—St. Paul, \$85.65; "Home Lights," \$14.49; York Street, \$26.00; Union Chapel, \$1.00; Oxford, \$14.25. Total, \$141.39.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton: Grace Church, \$121.90; Raper Chapel, \$40.50; Saint Paul, \$42.80; Middletown, \$20.50; Troy, \$19.50; Concord, \$5.00. Total, \$250.20.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Cedarville, \$2.75; South Charleston, \$15.81; Springfield, Central Church, \$55.05; Urbana, Grace Church, \$24.50; First Church, \$11.00. Total, \$109.11.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Hillsboro, \$12.50; Wilmington, \$7.00. Total, \$19.50.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.—New Richmond, \$2.00; Bethel, \$1.00. Total, \$3.00.

Total to Districts, ... \$957.75.

Executive Contingent Fund—Proceeds of lunch,* 544.88.

Net receipts of paper, *Home Light*, ... 372.42.

Total to General Fund, ... \$1,875.05.

LOCAL WORK.—Cincinnati, St. Paul, \$200.00. (This money was paid to a missionary employed by the Society during the Winter months.)

Beneficiary Fund.—Asbury, \$2.00; "Early Blossoms," \$10.00 (to Haven Home); Walnut Hills, \$45.00 (to Haven Home); Lebanon, \$32.50 (to student in Clafin University); Madisonville, \$35.00 (to Haven Home); Xenia, Trinity, \$6.60 (to E. L. Rust Home); Dayton, Raper Chapel, \$17.00 (to student at Clafin); Grace, \$8.00 (to student at Clafin). Total, \$156.10.

Special Fund.—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Mt. Auburn, \$8.00 (to Savannah Fund); Walnut Hills, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Trinity, \$125.00 (one hundred to Boylan Home, twenty-five to Utah); Young People's Band, \$60.00 (to Indian Cottage Fund); Waynesville, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund); Xenia, First Church, \$17.25; Young People's Society, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total \$224.25.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Saint Paul, \$30.00 (\$20.00 to Utah, \$10.00 to Indian Cottage Fund); Hartwell, \$18.50 (to Utah); Oxford, \$68.00 (\$50.00 to E. L. Rust Home, \$18.00 to Savannah Fund). Total, \$116.50.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton, Grace Church, \$72.70 (\$50.00 to Indian Cottage Fund, \$20.00 to Utah, \$2.70 to Savannah); Raper Chapel, \$42.00 (\$40.00 to Gammon Home, \$2.00 to Savannah); Troy, \$10.00 (to work in Utah). Total, \$124.70.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Urbana, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$2.00.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE COLLECTION.—\$85.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$552.45.

Grand total, ... \$2,583.60.

Life Members.—Mrs. B. F. Dimmick, Mrs. E. E. Buvinger, Miss Rosa Miller, Mrs. H. M. Sellers, Miss L. A. Gaddis, Mrs. Geo. H. Thomson, Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. Josiah Kirby, Mrs. E. P. Marshall, Mrs. A. C. Hirst, Miss Susie P. Aiken.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE.

MRS. D. G. STRONG, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Collections, \$39.50; Walla Walla, \$32.25; Ellensburg, \$2.00. Total, \$73.75.

* The lunch was given by Methodist ladies of Cincinnati for the benefit of Cincinnati Camp-meeting Society and the Executive Board of Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Whole receipts from Lunch \$1,645.92.

Expenditures 556.16.

\$1,089.76.

These net receipts were divided equally between the two Societies.

COLORADO CONFERENCE.

MRS. J. H. MERRITT, Secretary. MRS. H. C. KING, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Gleanings, \$51.20 (to Missionary at Adeline Smith Home). Total, \$51.20.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.—Greeley, \$9.75; Laramie, Wyoming Territory, \$6.00. Total, \$15.75.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.—Denver, California Street, \$21.25. Total, \$21.25.

Grand total, ... \$82.20.

Life Members.—Mrs. Kate Seeley, Mrs. F. S. Beggs.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, Secretary and Treasurer.

General Fund (to be disbursed in Detroit Conference.)—DETROIT DISTRICT.—Belleville, \$10.00; Detroit: Central, \$265.00; Simpson, \$115.00; Cass Avenue, \$50.00; Fort Street, \$25.00; Haven, \$15.00; Woodward Avenue, \$9.00; Grace, \$5.00; Grace Juvenile, \$5.00; Memorial, \$2.50; Memorial Juvenile, \$2.50; Wesley, \$5.00; Flat Rock, \$5.00; Howell, \$7.00; New Boston, \$16.71; Pontiac, \$56.80; Plymouth, \$15.00; Redford, \$1.00; Royal Oak, \$19.00; Sheldon, \$17.00; Sheldon Juvenile, \$1.00; Stockbridge, \$12.00; West Bloomfield, \$11.75; Whitmore Lake, \$3.00; Wyandotte, \$6.39; Ypsilanti, \$75.00; balance from last quarter, \$7.00; Mrs. Louisa Soules, Stockbridge, \$25.00; Mrs. Edward Smith, Detroit, \$100.00. Total, \$887.65.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.—Addison, \$17.00; Adrian, \$80.00; Ann Arbor, \$390.25; Augusta, \$10.00; Blissfield, \$12.00; Chelsea, \$7.00; Clayton, \$6.00; Clinton, \$11.00; Dundee, \$4.00; Franklin, \$10.25; Henrietta, \$4.00; Hudson, \$30.00; Lambertville, \$5.63; Lima, \$9.28; Medina, \$3.00; Monroe, \$1.00; Morenci, \$7.71; North Sharon, Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00; Ridgeway, \$5.00; Saline, \$10.00; Sharon, \$13.75; Springville, Franklin charge, \$5.38; Tecumseh, \$30.00; "A Chelsea Methodist," \$1.00; Mrs. J. F. Colburn, Newport, \$5.00. Total, \$688.25.

FLINT DISTRICT.—Bancroft, \$3.54; Dansville, \$10.40; Farmington, \$1.00; Fenton, \$15.00; Flint: Court Street, \$113.33; Garland Street, \$12.75; Flushing, \$23.25; Fowlerville, \$5.92; Gaines, \$9.00; Goodrich, \$16.00; Grand Blanc, \$37.60; Hadley, \$19.00; Hartland, by Mrs. Warren, \$10.00; Highland, \$2.00; Holly, \$15.00; Kearsley, \$2.00; Milford, \$31.14; Milford, Young People's Society, \$1.16; Northville, \$10.00; Oak Grove, \$2.00; Seymour Lake, \$1.00; Vernon, \$9.00; Webberville, \$2.00; "A Friend, Fowlerville," \$1.00. Total, \$353.09.

SAGINAW DISTRICT.—Bay City: Fremont Avenue, \$30.00; Washington Avenue, \$39.00; Bennington, \$19.35; Caro, \$23.00; Cass City, \$1.25; Chesaning, \$10.00; Corunna, \$12.00; East Saginaw: Hess Street, \$10.00; Jefferson Avenue, \$59.25; Fair Grove, Watrous charge, \$10.00; Henderson, \$3.00; Mayville, \$4.00; Orion, \$6.25; Owasso, \$15.75; Reese, \$11.00; Rochester, \$1.00; Saginaw City: Washington Avenue, \$15.00; Tuscola, \$1.00; Unionville, \$22.94; Vassar, \$19.00. Total, \$312.79.

ALPENA DISTRICT.—Alpena, \$10.00; Sheboygan, \$5.00; Churchill, \$1.00; East Tawas, \$25.00; Long Rapids, \$4.00; Oscoda, \$31.00; Tawas City, \$10.25; West Bay City, \$18.00; Woodside Ave., Bay City, \$1.00; by cash, \$5.50. Total, \$110.75.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.—Armada, by Lydia A. Jackman, \$10.00; Clifford, 50c.; Downingtown, \$1.00; Fort Gratiot, \$2.00; Marine City, \$5.00; Metamora, \$3.00; Mt. Clemens, \$10.14; North Branch, \$4.00; Washington, \$1.00; Mrs. Edward Smith, \$200.00; V. L. Souer, Marine City, \$10.00. Total, 246.64.

MARQUETTE DISTRICT.—Atlantic and Hurontown, \$1.00; Calumet, \$25.00; Detour, \$2.00; Donaldson and Zion, \$3.00; Grand Marais, \$5.00;

Houghton, \$10.00; Humboldt and Michiganme, \$3.65; Iron Mountain, \$11.00; Iroquois Indian Mission, 60c.; Ishpeming, \$11.00; Lake Linden, \$11.00; L'Ance, \$2.50; Manistique, \$2.00; Marquette, \$10.00; Munising Indian Mission, \$2.00; Menominee, \$8.00; Negaunee, \$11.00; Norway, \$5.00; Osceola and Allouez, \$10.00; Pewabic, \$2.30; Phoenix, \$2.00; Pickford, \$5.00; Republic, \$8.00; Rockland and Greenland, \$7.00; Sault Ste. Marie, \$10.00; St. Ignace, \$8.00. Total, \$176.05.

OTHER SOURCES.—Anniversary Collection, Bay View, \$86.55; Bay View Auxiliary, \$6.00; "A Mother," Pine Creek, Mich., \$2.00; Annual Meeting Collection, \$12.73. Total, \$107.28.

Total, ... \$2,882.50.

Local Work in Detroit, ... 158.00.

Grand total, ... \$3,040.50.

DISBURSED.—To Detroit Conference Fund, ... \$2,507.50.

To Local Work in Detroit, ... 158.00.

To SPECIAL FUNDS.—(To be disbursed through General Treasury, ... 375.00.

Total, ... \$3,040.50.

DES MOINES CONFERENCE.

MRS. LOU. R. BLODGETT, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—\$34.00 (credits not given). Total, \$34.00.

Life Member.—Mrs. F. M. Byrkert.

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE.

MRS. J. M. CARR, Secretary.

MRS S. P. BURT, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron, First Church, \$90.75; Braceville, \$8.00; Bristolville, \$16.00; Northfield, \$2.50; Talmadge, \$7.00; Warren, \$37.50; "Busy Bees," \$1.65; District Contingent Fund, \$1.10; collection taken at District Meeting, \$4.32. Total, \$168.82.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—McConnellsville, \$24.80; Norwich, \$3.00. Total, \$27.80.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Canton, First Church, \$3.40; Young Ladies' Society, \$11.78; Carrollton, \$13.50; Damascus, \$3.33; Franklin Square, \$4.00. Total, \$36.01.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Central Church, \$18.50; East Cleveland, \$2.62; First Church, \$38.91; Euclid Avenue, \$38.75; Contingent Fund, \$1.50; Scoville Avenue, \$42.25; Mite-box, \$3.00; Woodland Avenue, \$20.14; Lake Erie Seminary, \$16.00; Forest Hill, \$16.00; Bissell's, \$10.10; Geneva, \$30.43; Mission Band, \$3.05; Mentor, \$14.00; Mayfield, \$5.00; Middlefield, \$5.92; North Madison, \$20.50; Contingent Fund, \$1.40; Perry, \$21.00; Painesville, \$16.00; Saybrook, \$17.48; East Chardon, \$2.62. Total, \$345.17.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Adamsville, \$17.70; Coshocton, \$9.75; New Philadelphia, Wilson Mission Band, \$4.00. Total, \$31.45.

STEBENVILLE DISTRICT.—Bridgeport, \$16.00; East Liverpool, \$18.60; Martin's Ferry, \$13.00. Total, \$47.60.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Andover, \$7.14; Ashtabula, \$3.00; Colebrook, \$5.00; Conneaut, \$18.40; Girard, \$11.50; Hubbard, \$20.00; Cherry Valley, \$1.00; Cortland, \$17.23; Johnston, \$9.50; Kingsville, \$7.00; Nelson, \$8.18; Mesopotomia, \$5.00; Orrville, \$5.50; Rome, \$12.25; Windsor, \$10.75; Vienna, \$4.00. Total, \$145.45.

Total to General Fund, ... \$812.30.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Students in Haven Home.*—Akron, First Church, \$61.60; Bridgeport, \$25.00; Willoughby, "Willing Workers," \$25.00.

Total, \$111.60.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah Fund.*—Akron, First Church, \$48.46; Warren, \$10.00; Geneva, \$20.00; Cleveland, First Church, Kingsley Band, \$25.00; New Philadelphia, \$10.00.

Total, \$113.46.

To Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Cambridge, \$10.00; Canton, First Church, Young Ladies' Society, \$42.25; Salem, Young Ladies' Society, \$64.39; Damascus, Young Ladies' Society, \$67.80.

Total, \$184.44.

To Indian Cottage Fund.—Coshocton, \$10.00; Seybrook, \$6.00.

Total, \$16.00.

Total, ... \$313.90.

Grand total, ... 1,237.80.

Life Members.—Miss Mary Elliott, Miss Nettie Whitacre, Mrs. Jessie Crankshaw.

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Chattanooga, \$5.00; Conference Offerings, \$12.00.

Total, \$17.00.

ERIE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. V. CULVER, Secretary, Mrs. F. H. BECK, Treasurer.

Clarion District.

To General Fund.—Clarion, \$31.95; Brookville, \$3.00; New Bethlehem, \$4.00; Troy, \$1.00; Young Ladies' Societies, Clarion, \$2.00; Edenburg, \$1.00; Membership (by individuals), Punxsutawney, \$1.00; Brockwayville, \$1.00; Clarington, \$1.00.

Total, \$45.95.

Beneficiary Fund.—Clarion, \$10.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$25.00.

Total, \$35.00.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.*—Salem City, 25c.

Total, 25c.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Brookville, 50c.; Edenburg, \$20.00.

Total, \$20.50.

Training School.—Edenburg, \$7.36.

Total, \$7.36.

Total to Special Work, ... \$28.11.

Grand total, ... 109.06.

Life Member.—Rev. J. H. Keeley.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Clarion Auxiliary (1), \$55.55; New Bethlehem Auxiliary (2), \$46.48; Edenburg (Knox, P. O.), Lucy Hayes' Band (1), \$4.60.

Total, 4 packages; value, \$106.63.

Erie District.

General Fund.—Chautauqua, \$10.00; North East, \$29.00; Asbury, \$17.75; Forestville, \$17.25; Ripley, \$17.24; Brockton, \$15.50; Waterford, \$7.00; West Springfield, \$4.54; East Springfield, \$6.38; Portland, \$11.25; Erie, First Church, \$31.90; Simpson Chapel, \$12.40; Young Ladies' Societies, Fredonia, N. Y., \$10.75; Mite-box, \$2.57; Westfield, \$40.00; Memberships: Green, \$2.00; McKean, \$1.00.

Total, \$236.53.

Special Funds.—*Mother's Jewels*, 20c.

Total, 20c.

Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Asbury, \$9.00.

Total, \$9.00.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Chautauqua, \$70.00; Brockton, \$12.00.

Total, \$82.00.

Training School.—Fredonia, N. Y., Young Ladies' Society, \$6.15.

Total, \$6.15.

Total to Special Fund, ... \$97.35.

Grand total, ... 333.38.

Honorary Manager.—Mrs. Alice G. Bentley.

Life Members.—Mrs. Amy Hardenburg, Mrs. W. W. Woodworth, Miss Eliza A. Nicholson.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Chautauqua (1), \$29.00; Fredonia, (N. Y.), Blanche Blair Band (2), \$69.26; Asbury (West Mill Creek P. O.) (1), \$19.65; Westfield Young Ladies' Society (2), \$70.20; Forestville (1), \$35.33; Ripley (1), \$23.67; West Springfield (1), \$17.80.

Total, 9 packages; value, \$264.91.

Franklin District.

To General Fund.—Franklin, \$24.30; Mite-box, \$4.30; Contingent Fund, \$1.35; Titusville, \$35.50; Contingent Fund, \$2.00; Tionesta, \$10.20; Oil City, Grace, \$34.75; Contingent Fund, \$2.00; Trinity, \$21.25; Contingent Fund, \$2.00; Millerston, \$65.03; Mite-box, \$1.52; Contingent Fund, \$1.50; Reno, \$10.00; Mite-box, 64c.; Contingent Fund, \$1.53; Young Ladies' Society, Oil City, Grace, \$3.55.

Total, \$221.42.

Beneficiary Fund.—Titusville, \$70.00 (to Claflin University and Haven Home); Oil City, \$50.00 (to Haven Home).

Total, \$120.00.

Special Funds.—*Lucy Hayes' School-houses*, Franklin, \$10.00; Oil City, Grace, \$20.00; Trinity, \$10.00.

Total, \$40.00.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Franklin, \$65.00; Tididoute, \$10.00; Oil City, \$10.00.

Total, \$85.00.

Indian Cottage Fund.—Franklin, \$20.00.

Total, \$20.00.

Training-school.—Millerston, \$7.76; Reno, \$1.80.

Total, \$9.56.

Total to Special Funds, ... \$274.56.

Grand total, ... 495.98.

Life Members.—Mr. Joseph K. Dale, Mrs. Nancy Whippo, Mrs. Samuel F. Showalter, Mrs. David Garrett.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Titusville (4), \$176.93; Oil City, Trinity Church (1), \$35.65.

Total, 5 pkges.; value, \$212.58.

Jamestown District.

General Fund.—Ellington, \$11.60; Jamestown, \$50.20; Contingent Fund, \$2.50; Warren, \$48.42; Mite-box, \$1.25; Contingent Fund, 90c.; Panama, \$21.15; Farmington, \$9.00; Young Ladies' Societies, Corry, \$16.00; Sherman, \$2.00; Clymer, \$1.00 (membership).

Total, \$164.02.

Beneficiary Fund.—Warren, \$5.00 to (Haven Home).

Total, \$5.00.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.*—Panama, \$15.00; Sherman, Young Ladies' Society, \$15.00.

Total, \$30.00.

Gilbert Haven Home.—Jamestown, Young Ladies' Society, \$19.00; Sherman, Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00; Panama, \$20.00.

Total, \$49.00.

Total to Special Fund, ... \$79.00.

Grand total, ... 248.02.

Life Members.—Mrs. W. W. Painter, Mrs. Joseph Hoyt, Mrs. C. W. Miner.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Ellington (1), \$44.05; Jamestown Auxiliary (1), \$61.81; Jamestown, N. Y., Young Peoples' Society (1), \$20.00; Warren (2), \$38.53; Panama (2), \$42.06; Farmington (1), \$24.00.

Total, 8 packages; value, \$230.45.

Meadville District.

General Fund.—Espyville, \$32.00; Meadville, \$10.50; Contingent Fund, 25c.; Conneautville, \$15.50; Springboro, \$20.12; Cambridge, \$14.00; Greenville, \$35.67; Spartansburg, \$8.75; Young Ladies' Societies, Rockville, Mite-box collection, \$5.39; Centre Chapel, \$4.21; Edinboro, Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00 (to Missionary at Savannah). Total, \$156.39.

Beneficiary Fund.—Spartansburg, \$4.00 (to Haven Home). Total, \$4.00.

Special Funds.—*Ulah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.*—Greenville, \$10.00; Little Corner, \$3.30. Total, \$13.30.

Grand total, ... \$173.69.

Life Members.—Rev. Alonso W. Decker.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—Espyville Auxiliary (2), \$51.90; Center Chapel Division, Espyville Circuit (1), \$31.25; Center Chapel Lucy Hayes' Band (1), \$20.70; Meadville (1), \$16.35; Rockville (Woodcock P. O.), Young Ladies' Society (1), \$32.50; Edinboro Young Ladies' Society (1), \$23.94; Springboro (2), \$57.00; Cambridge (4), \$21.50; Greenville (2), \$50.98; Spartansburg (1), \$5.00.

Total, 16 packages; value, \$311.12.

New Castle District.

To General Fund.—New Castle, First Church, \$18.00; Fredonia, \$12.50; Sandy Lake, \$7.00; Mite-box, 55c.; Contingent Fund, 24c.; Sheakleyville, \$18.05; Henderson, \$13.75; Stoneboro, \$17.50; Mite-box, \$2.10; Mercer, \$5.00; West Middlesex, \$5.00; Young Ladies' Society, Fredonia, \$9.00; Sandy Lake, \$1.47; Mite-box, \$1.47; Sharon, \$3.10; Stoneboro, \$1.35. Total, \$116.08.

Beneficiary Fund.—Sharon, \$10.00 (to Haven Home). Total, \$10.00.

Special Funds.—*Gilbert Haven Home.*—Stoneboro, 50c.; Sharon, \$20.00. Total, \$20.50.

Training-school.—Stoneboro, \$2.30. Total, \$2.30.

Total to Special Funds, ... \$22.80.

Grand total, ... 148.88.

Grand total, ... 1,629.51.

Local Work.—Oil City, \$10.00.

Life Members.—Mrs. John McConkey.

Packages and Value of Mission Supplies.—New Castle, First Church (2), \$20.00; Mercer will send —; Stoneboro (1), \$11.00; W. Middlesex (1), \$5.00; Sharon, Lina Kummer Indus. Band (3), \$62.74; Mahonington, Mrs. J. K. Mendenhall (1), \$20.00. Total, 8 packages; value, \$118.74.

Erie Conference—Sixth Year.

Total Honorary Managers, ... 1 (new).

“ “ Life Members, ... 13 (new).

MISSION SUPPLIES.—Total, 50 packages; value, \$1,394.99.

LOCAL WORK.—Oil City, \$10.00.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. B. DARNELL, Secretary. Mrs. W. I. SALMOND, Treasurer.

Special Funds.—*To Boylan Home.*—JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Fernandina, \$8.05; Jacksonville, Ebenezer, \$40.14; Simpson Chapel, \$2.74; St.

Augustine, First Church, \$32.60; Oakland Band, \$2.33; Cedar Keys, \$10.05; Mrs. Nichols, \$10.00 (on Life membership); Conference collection, \$8.55. Total, \$114.46.

Life Member.—Mrs. Annie E. Scott.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, Secretary. MRS. S. J. OCUMPAUGH, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BUFFALO DISTRICT.—Collections, \$3.00.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—Collection, \$5.00.

OLEAN DISTRICT.—Olean District collections, \$2.00.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—Rochester: Asbury, \$20.72; Cornhill, \$60.92; Genesee Street, \$2.25; membership, \$1.00; First Church, \$45.46; Frank Street, \$20.80; Genesee Conference collections, \$28.00. Total, \$189.15.

Beneficiary Fund.—Buffalo, Mrs. Root, \$60.00 (to student in Haven Home); Rochester "Willing Workers," \$20.00 (to student in Haven Home). Total, \$80.00.

Special Fund.—Buffalo, Mrs. Root, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Grand total, ... \$319.15.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Collections at Conference, \$4.00; Morristown, by Rev. Mr. Hill, \$100.00. Total, \$104.00.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

MRS. ELIZABETH KENNEDY, Secretary. MRS. A. C. MAY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference collections, \$44.50; Indianapolis: Ames, \$1.20; Blackford, \$1.00; California Street, \$1.00; Meridian Street, \$74.09; Mooresville, \$70.10; Centre Point, \$22.50; Salem City, \$2.50. Total, \$216.89.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah Fund.*—Indianapolis: Meridian Street, \$6.00; California Street, \$2.00; Mooresville, \$10.00. Total, \$18.00.

Grand total, ... \$234.89.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

MRS. L. K. BENNETT, Secretary. MRS. C. W. ATKINSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Collections, \$72.36.

BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bloomington: First Church, \$37.75; Grace, \$12.85; Delaven, \$11.75; Jacksonville, \$4.00. Total, \$138.71.

Beneficiary Fund.—Bloomington, First Church, Young People's Society, \$64.57 (student in Haven Home). Total, \$64.57.

Special Fund.—Bloomington: First Church, \$20.00 (to Indian Fund); Grace, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund); Delaven, \$2.00 (to Savannah Fund); Griggsville, \$4.00 (to Savannah Fund); Princeton, Mrs. Warfield, \$10.00 (to Savannah Fund); Champaign, \$84.61 (to E. L. Rust Home). Total, \$122.61.

Grand total, ... \$325.89.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

MRS. W. F. COWLES, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Burlington, First Church, Mrs. Dr. Alderman, \$10.00.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—Albia, "Willing Workers," \$14.00; Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. L. E. Worthington, \$1.00; Washington, "Jennie Willing Band," \$2.30. Total, \$27.39.

Beneficiary Fund.—Washington, "Jennie Willing Band," \$15.00. Total, \$15.00.

Grand total, ... \$42.39.

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. MOLLIE S. COE, Secretary and Treasurer.

Conference Gleanings, \$27.00. Total, \$27.00.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Mrs. G. P. JOLLY, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Hardinsburg, \$60.00; Careton Station, Mrs. Winston, \$2.00. Total, \$62.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Louisville, Mrs. Speed, \$8.00 (to Haven Home). Total, \$8.00.

Special Fund.—Louisville, Mrs. Fanny Speed, \$560.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$560.00.

Grand total, ... \$630.00.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. L. E. STEVENS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Offerings, \$7.60; Wesley Chapel, \$2.00. Total, \$9.60.

LEXINGTON CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$4.25; Special Offerings—Monterey and Oxford, \$1.00; Lexington, Asbury Temple, \$1.50; Delaware, 65c.; Union Chapel, \$1.00; Augusta, 25c.; Maysville, \$2.00; Cadiz, \$1.00; Sharpsburg, \$1.00; Monterey, \$1.00; Bloomington, Ind., \$1.00; N. Middletown, Ky., \$1.00; Harrison, Ky., \$1.00. Total, \$16.65.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE COWGILL, Secretary.

To General Fund.—From colored congregations and Mission-schools, \$65.00; Louisiana Conference Offerings, \$6.00. Total, \$71.00.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. BENJAMIN FREEMAN, Secretary. Mrs. C. J. CLARKE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, \$19.00; bequest of Mrs. Rachel Fowler, \$100.00; Farmington, \$2.00. Total, \$121.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Gardner, \$10.00 (to Haven Home). Total, \$10.00.

Special Fund.—To Atlanta Home, Conference Collections, \$44.70; Brunswick, Mrs. C. F. Allen, \$20.00. Total, \$64.70.

Grand total, ... \$195.70.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. J. ALDRICH, Secretary. Mrs. MAGGIE D. MOORS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—*To be disbursed in Michigan Conference*—Iowa District, \$59.75; Lansing District, \$101.32; Kalamazoo District, \$123.79; Coldwater District, \$16.25; Grand Rapids District, \$43.50; Big Rapids District, \$26.15; Niles District, \$5.00; Albion District, \$12.00; Eaton Rapids Camp-

meeting, \$20.90; Michigan Conference Treasurer (balance), \$52.00; a friend, \$50.00; Bay View, \$193.54: collection at Conference, \$8.00; collection at District Meeting, \$2.66; offerings, \$4.50. Total, \$719.36.

Special Fund.—*To Savannah*—Eaton Rapids, \$10.00; Jackson, \$17.60; *Lucy Hayes' School-houses*—Ionia, \$2.00; Hartland, \$10.00. Total, \$39.60.

Grand total, ... \$758.96.

Life Member.—Mrs. E. C. Wright.

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. A. C. MORROW, Secretary and Treasurer.

Special Fund.—Anoka, \$5.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$5.00.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Kirkville, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home.*—Columbus, \$7.00; Holly Springs, Rust University, \$19.00. Total, \$26.00.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Nebraska Conference—Auxiliaries, \$33.00 (credits not given to special auxiliaries or individuals). Total, \$33.00.

NEWARK CONFERENCE.

Mrs. J. I. BOSWELL, Secretary. Mrs. A. DeGroot, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEWARK DISTRICT.—Belleville, \$15.91; Morristown, \$71.00; Montclair, \$27.00; Mount Tabor, Young Ladies' Society, \$50.00; Newark: Central Church, \$45.25; Juvenile Band, \$2.75; Dashiell Memorial, \$18.75; DeGroot, \$12.00; Mission Band, \$2.34; Halsey Street, \$22.83; Trinity, \$21.35; Union Street, \$6.00; Orange: First Church, \$25.00; Calvary, \$20.00; Mrs. McQuoid, \$1.00; Summit, \$10.00. Total, \$351.18.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—Bayonne: Mattison Church, \$24.00; Englewood, Rev. Daniel Wise, \$5.00; Jersey City: Trinity, \$10.00; Hedding, \$28.67; West Side Avenue, \$22.12; Young Ladies' Band, \$8.00; Mrs. Dunlap, \$2.50; Nyack, \$28.50. Total, \$128.79.

ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Crawford, Mite-boxes, Young Ladies' Society, \$2.60; Rahway, Second Church, \$33.00; Westfield, \$25.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$3.55. Total, \$64.15.

PATERSON DISTRICT.—Little Falls, \$6.00; Mount Hermon, \$10.33; Zion, \$5.00; Paterson, Market Street, \$50.00; Succasunna, \$26.25. Total, \$97.58.

COLLECTIONS AT CONFERENCE.—\$72.00.

Total to General Fund, ... \$713.70.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home Students.*—Newark: Trinity, \$94.27. DeGroot, Mission Band, Heart and Hand, \$7.08; Elizabeth, St. James, \$40.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, ... \$141.35.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah Fund.*—Cranford: B. F. Ham and Brother, \$500.00 (in memoriam of a sister lately deceased, Miss Emily Ham); Morristown, Rev. J. Crawford, \$5.00; Newark: Central Church, Mrs. A. DeGroot's donation, \$50.00; Miss Phoebe M. Annin, \$129.00 (Mite-box and other collections); Trinity, Miss C. F. Hedges, \$120.00; Orange, \$20.00; Westfield, \$58.00; Young Ladies' Band, \$42.00 (Westfield, N. J. Room); Jersey City, West Side, Mrs. Boswell, \$5.00; Mrs. M. A. Beach, \$25.00; Succasunna, \$1.00; Zion Church, \$1.00; Rahway, Second Church, \$2.00. Total, \$958.00.

To Boylan Home.—Newark: Central Church, Mrs. A. DeGroot, \$1,000.00; DeGroot, \$40.00 (furnishing). Total, \$1,040.00.

Utah Fund, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Newark: Central Church, Mrs. A. DeGroot, Church, \$25.00; Halsey Street, \$54.50. Total, \$79.50.

Indian Cottage Fund.—Bayonne, \$5.50; Halsey, Children's Fair, \$30.40; Westfield, \$12.50; Jersey City: Mrs. J. I. Boswell, \$5.00; Mrs. W. E. Drake, \$2.00. Total, \$55.40.

Mother's Jewels.—\$5.10. Total, \$5.10.

Total to Special Funds, ... \$2,138.00.

Honorary Patrons.—Mrs. A. DeGroot, Miss C. F. Hedges.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

MISS MARIA NEWHALL, Secretary. MRS. L. R. THAYER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston: Temple Street, \$18.15; Winthrop Street, \$26.35; Tremont Street, \$2.00; Charleston, Trinity, \$19.00; Harrison Square, \$5.00; bequest of Mrs. Almira Pitts, lately deceased, \$50.00; Mrs. Foss, \$2.00; Newtonville, \$12.45; Worcester Union, \$15.00; Natick, \$5.00. Total, \$154.95.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston, Trinity, \$4.00; East Cambridge, Trinity, \$42.00; Clinton, \$28.25; Lowell, \$30.00; Winchester, \$31.00. Total, \$135.25.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Chelsea, \$10.00; Ipswich, \$15.00; Lynn: First Church, \$5.00; Common Street, \$68.50; Mission Band, Miss Goodrich, \$2.45; Peabody, \$26.00; Malden, \$72.00; Contingent Fund, \$6.00; Marblehead, \$16.00; Salem, \$28.75. Total, \$249.70.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield: Union, \$79.00; Florence Street, \$20.00; Wilbraham, \$28.75. Total, \$127.75.

Total General Fund, ... \$667.65.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Boston: People's Church, \$45.00; Friends in Boston, \$35.00; Lowell, St. Paul, "Willing Workers," \$70.00; Charleston, Trinity, \$2.89; Watertown, Golden Rule Mission Band, \$64.00; Laurence, Mrs. Beach, \$1.47; Weston, \$5.00. Total, \$223.36.

To Clark University.—Newtonville, \$22.33; Malden, Mrs. George P. Cox and Miss Mary C. Waitt, \$100.00; Mrs. Dr. Ladd, \$60.00; Auxiliary, \$50.00. Total, \$232.33.

To Simpson Home.—Lynn, Common Street, \$10.00; Springfield Union Auxiliary, \$30.00; Winchester Union, \$64.72; Mrs. J. F. Darrell, \$30.00. Total, \$134.72.

To E. L. Rust Home.—Lynn: First Church, Mission Band, \$2.44; Common Street, Mission Band, \$15.00. Total, \$17.44.

Total Beneficiary Fund \$607.85.

Special Funds.—*Gilbert Haven Home.*—"Savannah Fund."—Boston: \$20.00 (sale of tickets; name of Church not given); People's Church, \$20.00; Mission Band, \$1.00; Monumental Square, \$5.00; Florence Street, \$1.00; Trinity, \$1.00; Watertown, Mission Band, \$1.00; Winchester, \$1.00; Clinton, \$1.00; East Cambridge, \$1.00; Worcester, Mrs. Gratan, \$28.00; Lowell, St. Paul, Willing Workers, \$1.00; Lynn, Common Street, \$26.00; Mission Band, \$1.00; Springfield, \$1.00; Wellston, \$2.00; Ipswich, \$1.00; Peabody Young People's Band, \$1.00; Malden, \$201.00; Wellsley, Mr. Noah Perrin, \$150.00. Total, \$464.00.

Utah Scandinavian Work.—Boston, Trinity, \$20.00 (Miss Hapgood's donation); Lynn: First Church, Mrs. V. A. Cooper, \$10.00; Miss Maria Newhall, \$10.00; Lynn, Common Street, Mrs. Rockford, \$10.00; Miss E. E. Newhall's Mite-box, \$2.56; Frankie Rosewell's Mite-box, 25c.; Mrs. John Ellis's Mite-box, \$1.11; Springfield, \$20.00; Chester, Mrs. Snow, \$2.00. Total, \$75.92.

Gammon Home to be built at Atlanta.—Lynn, Common, \$30.00; Malden, \$30.00; Mrs. Ladd's Donation, \$20.00; collection taken at Asbury Park, \$31.12; Watertown, \$4.66. Total, \$115.78.

Indian Cottage Fund.—Lowell, Mrs. Griffith, \$20.00; Springfield, \$20.00; Watertown, Golden Rule Mission Band, \$20.00; Malden, Mrs. Ladd, \$20.00; Wilbraham, Young Ladies, \$10.00. Total, \$90.00.

Training-school.—Wilbraham Academy, Young Ladies, \$6.50. Total, \$6.50.

To New Orleans Home.—Rosendale, Young Ladies, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Alaska.—Charleston, Trinity, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Puget Sound.—Boston, Eggleston Square, \$10.00; Charleston, Trinity, \$10.00; Anna Ballender, \$1.01. Total, \$21.01.

Mother's Jewels.—Lynn, Common, Mission Band, 55c. Total, 55c.

Total to Special Fund, ... \$808.76.

Grand total 2,084.26.

Honorary Patron.—Mrs. N. G. Ladd.

Life Members.—Miss Abby S. Hapgood, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. S. F. H. Thayer, Mrs. Josiah Bracket, Miss Mary Waterman, Mrs. John Griffith, Mrs. Geo. E. Teele, Miss L. A. Howard, Rev. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. James P. Magee, Mrs. Benj. R. Teele, Mrs. Joseph A. F. Pratt, Mrs. Wilbur F. Haven, Mrs. Mary E. Childs, Miss Lizzie Smith, Miss Annie S. Carey, Miss Beth Haven Cox, Mrs. Julia Davis, Mrs. H. C. Gratan, Mr. H. M. Hedden, Mrs. Stovell, Mrs. Emily Jacobs, Mrs. Mary R. Searle, Mrs. J. F. Durrell, Rev. W. P. Odell, Miss Mary Perry, Mrs. Amos Beckford, Mrs. George J. Collins, Miss Lizzie Simmons, Mrs. Bullard.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

MRS. JAMES MATHER, Secretary.

MRS. H. S. WHITAKER, Treasurer.

Special Funds.—*To Camden Home.*—PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—Attleboro, \$11.75; Brockton, \$2.00; Bristol, \$9.00; Cochesett, \$6.50; Centreville, \$5.00; East Wareham, \$1.00; East Weymouth (Card Collections), \$80.00; Middletown, \$1.00; Fair Haven, \$14.00; Nantasket, \$6.00; Newport, First Church, \$38.50; Providence, \$91.00; Mrs. Morten, \$2.00; North Easton, Card Collections, \$11.75; South Harwich, \$1.00; Scituate, \$1.00; East Greenwich, \$10.00; Drownville, Mrs. Mathers, \$60.00. Total, \$351.50.

NORWICH DISTRICT.—East Thomson, \$10.00; New London, "Cheerful Givers," \$30.00; Kane, \$5.00; Norwich, \$28.10; Niantic, \$5.00; Mrs. S. V. Luce, \$20.00; Hazardville, "Cheerful Workers," \$50.00; Danielsonville, \$10.00; Putnam, \$10.00; South Manchester, \$52.00; Thompsonville, \$5.00; Warehouse Point, \$4.20; North Manchester, \$10.00; Tolland, \$1.00; Vernon Depot, \$1.00; Stafford Springs, \$4.52. Total, 245.82.

NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT.—Cottage City, \$42.40; Mrs. S. A. Cook, \$3.00; Fall River, \$11.00; Mrs. E. T. Stafford, \$10.00; Bridgewater, \$5.58; Middleborough, Central Church, \$26.25; Bryantville, \$7.28; Orleans, \$5.50; North Dighton, \$5.00; Nantucket, \$3.00; New Bedford, \$5.15; South Harwich, \$1.00; Princetown, Centenary, \$10.75; Center Auxiliary, \$2.25; Yarmouth Camp-meeting, \$31.00; East Ware, "Merry Workers," \$5.00; Wellfleet, \$2.00; Willimantic Camp-meeting, \$21.00; Taunton, \$13.50. Total, \$210.66.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS—\$80.00. Total, \$80.00.

Taunton, Freddie Radcliffe, \$2.00 (to a Children's Home, not yet located). Total, \$2.00.

Total to Special Fund, ... \$889.98.

Beneficiary Fund.—Providence, \$30.00 (to Claflin University).
Total, \$30.00.

Grand total, ... \$919.98.

Life Members.—Capt. W. H. Phillips, Rev. W. V. Morrison, Mr. J. D. Flint, Mrs. J. D. Flint, Rev. James Mather, Mrs. James Mather, Mrs. Lucy H. Gibbs, Mrs. S. K. Luce, Mrs. E. L. Hyde, Miss Mary A. Winchester, Miss Eleanor Howard, Miss Lillie Smith, Mrs. H. A. Bidwell.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. N. C. ALGER, Secretary.

Mrs. J. D. FOLSOM, Treasurer.

Special Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Collections at Conference, \$56.10.
Total, \$56.10.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Haverhill: Wesley Church, \$41.50; Grace, \$25.00; Lawrence: Garden Street, \$7.00; Haverhill Street, \$100.00; Methuen, \$12.00.
Total, \$185.50.

CONCORD DISTRICT.—Manchester, St. Paul, \$53.84; North Haverhill, \$4.00; Penacook, \$10.00; Franklin Falls, Mrs. S. P. Heath, \$20.00; Children's Band, \$19.00; Tilton, \$2.00; Warren, \$19.00; G. P. H., \$3.00; Young People's Society, \$1.00; Weirs' Camp-meeting, \$4.00; Mite-box, \$1.84; Littleton, \$5.00; Haverhill, \$1.00; Groveton Camp-meeting, \$23.14; Mite-box, \$2.60; Memberships, \$3.00.
Total, \$202.42.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.—Antrim, \$2.14; Claremont Camp Collection, \$13.00; Keene, \$28.00; Marlow, \$8.00; Nashua, Mrs. Robinson, \$9.00; Lebanon, \$1.90; Hedding Camp-meeting, \$12.00; Hampton, 50c.; Henniker, \$1.00; Hinsdale, \$2.95; Westport, \$8.40; East Alstead, \$1.00; West Swansey, \$8.10.
Total, \$95.99.

Total, ... \$540.01.

Special Funds.—*Savannah.*—Haverhill, Wesley Chapel, \$2.00.

Mother's Jewels.—20c.

Total, \$2.20.

Grand total, ... \$542.21.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. F. GARRISON, Secretary.

Mrs. A. L. CAMINADE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—**NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.**—Ocean Grove, St. Paul, \$20.00; Sea Side Band, 75c.; North Long Branch, \$10.00; Mrs. Ames, Membership, \$1.00; Seabright, \$1.10; Miss Jane Bancroft, \$1.00; Mrs. Fisk's Mite-box, \$1.31.
Total, \$35.16.

TRENTON DISTRICT.—Trenton, State Street, \$9.00; Mrs. Garrison, Membership, \$1.00.
Total, \$10.00.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.—Camden: Centenary, \$29.00; Third Street, \$3.00; Mrs. J. T. Petherbridge, \$20.00; Mrs. W. M. Blakely, \$2.00. Total, \$54.00.

BRIDGETON DISTRICT.—Dias Creek, Mission Band, \$2.00; Mrs. G. S. Sykes, \$20.00; Vineland, \$8.00; Jacobstown, Emma Green, \$1.00.
Total, \$31.00.

Total, ... \$130.16.

Special Funds.—*To Utah Scandinavian Work.*—Camden: Third Street, \$3.00; Centenary, \$21.50; Mrs. Blakely, \$2.00; Mrs. Turner, \$3.00; Vineland, \$10.25; Trenton, \$11.75; Ocean Grove, \$10.00.
Total, \$61.50.

Conference Fund.—\$38.50. Total, \$38.50.

To Savannah Fund.—Rev. H. B. Beyle, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

Mother's Jewels.—Sea Side Band, 20c. Total, 20c.

Total to Special Funds, ... \$105.20.

Grand total, ... 235.36.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

MISS MARTHA VAN MARTER, Secretary. MRS. S. J. BRIGHAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—New York Conference, \$129.89; Rev. W. H. Mickle, \$25.00; Rev. S. G. Keyser, \$3.40. Total, \$158.29.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—New York City: Eighteenth Street, \$148.58; Children's Band, \$1.42; Thirty-fifth Street, \$20.00; Twenty-fourth Street, \$39.17; Young People's Band, \$10.22; Mrs. S. A. Lankford, \$20.00; Mrs. Nickerson, \$5.00; Mrs. Nuthill, \$1.00; Mrs. Rix, \$2.00; Fifty-third Street, St. John, \$35.01; Washington Square, \$93.35; Thirtieth Street, \$37.01; Seventy-first Street, St. Andrew's, \$20.83; Park Avenue, \$24.00; Perry Street, \$6.25; Carmel, \$13.66; Young Ladies' Society, \$11.75; Children's Band, \$5.00; Somer's Center, \$2.00. Total, \$496.25.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Poughkeepsie, Washington Street, \$10.31; Young People's Society, \$10.00; other sources, \$3.04. Total, \$23.35.

PRATTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Delhi, Mrs. Hearn, \$1.00. Total, \$1.00.

ELLENVILLE DISTRICT.—Liberty, \$8.10. Total, \$8.10.

NEWBURG DISTRICT.—Rondout Mission Band, \$36.54. Total, \$36.54.

Total to General Fund, ... \$723.53.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home*.—Twenty-fourth Street, Young Ladies' Society, \$43.51; Miss Van Marter, \$30.00; Rondout Mission Band, \$10.02. Total, \$83.53.

Special Funds.—*Savannah Fund*.—New York: Twenty-fourth Street, Mrs. Lankford, \$30.00; Seventy-first Street, St. Andrew's, \$1.00; Park Avenue, \$1.00; Washington Square, \$10.00; Rondout, \$1.00. Total, \$43.00.

Utah, *Lucy Hayes' School-houses*.—New York, Fifty-third Street, \$51.50. Total, \$51.50.

Indian Cottage Fund.—Twenty-fourth Street, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Total, ... \$104.50.

Grand total, ... 911.56.

Life Members.—Mrs. P. W. Nickerson, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. — Halbard, Mrs. S. J. Brigham, Miss Mary A. Lathbury, Miss Martha Van Marter, Mrs. S. A. Lankford.

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

MRS. M. CARHART, Secretary. MRS. H. F. TIBBALLS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Cold Spring, \$3.00; Brooklyn, Summerfield, \$42.50. Total, \$45.50.

BROOKLYN DISTRICT.—Brooklyn: First Place, \$23.00; Hanson Place, \$94.00; Mrs. N. Tibballs, \$98.00. Total, \$215.00.

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT.—New Haven, \$25.00; Hartford, \$12.00; West Haddam, \$3.50. Total, \$40.50.

Total to General Fund, ... \$301.00.

Special Fund.—Brooklyn, Nostrand Avenue, \$105.00 (to Scandinavian Work in Utah); Mrs. A. C. Morrow, \$10.00 (to Indian Cottage Fund).

Total, \$115.00.

Grand total, ... \$416.00.

NORTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

— — —, Secretary.

MRS. H. M. MARQUETTE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Conference Offerings, \$28.00 (credit not specially given). Total, \$28.00.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Miss LUCY E. ROBINSON, Secretary. Mrs. L. R. RUNYAN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—GOSHEN DISTRICT.—Middlebury, Rev. Mr. Light, \$5.00.

KOKOMO DISTRICT.—Elwood and Frankton, \$1.00.

WARSAW DISTRICT.—La Fontaine, Rev. J. W. Cain, \$1.00.

MUNCIE DISTRICT.—Red Key, Juvenile Band, \$3.91; Mite-box, \$1.47; Selma, \$3.00; Pendleton, \$3.00.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.—Lynn, \$5.00; New Castle, \$15.50; Richmond, First Church, Young Ladies' Society, \$25.02; from other sources, \$8.48.

\$72.38.

Beneficiary Fund.—Pern, \$5.00 (to girl in Haven Home). \$5.00.

Special Fund.—*To Savannah Fund.*—Richmond Young Ladies' Society, \$10.00; Marion, \$5.00. \$15.00.

Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Rev. J. W. Cain, \$1.00; Mrs. W. H. Mendenhall, \$1.00; Rev. J. L. Ramsey, \$1.00; Rev. J. S. Howard and wife, \$2.00; Mrs. L. J. Naftzger, \$1.00; Mrs. J. F. Fetro, \$1.00; Rogersville, Miss Sallie Kerr, collections by card, \$10.00. \$17.00.

Total, ... \$32.00.

Grand total, ... 109.38.

Life Member.—Miss Sallie Kerr.

NORTH-WEST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. A. MATTHEWS, Secretary. Mrs. MYRON CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—FRANKFORT DISTRICT.—Kewanna, \$3.00; Michigantown, \$2.25. Total, \$5.25.

GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.—Terre Haute, Centenary, \$9.80. Total, \$9.80.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.—Kentland, \$16.25; Lafayette, Ninth Street, \$6.00; Trinity, \$24.50. Total, \$46.75.

LAPORTE DISTRICT.—Crown Point, \$14.44; Hammond, \$23.25; Hebron, \$14.85; La Porte, \$19.00; Mount Nebo, \$4.20; Michigan City, \$19.21; Chesterton, \$3.75; Foresman, \$1.75; Atwater, \$3.25; South Bend, First Church, \$20.75; Michigan Street, \$14.43; Young Ladies, \$28.00; Rochester, Ames Chapel, \$16.72; Valparaiso, \$24.25; Plymouth, \$4.25. Total, \$212.10.

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, \$20.62. Total, \$20.62.

Total to General Fund, ... \$294.52.

Special Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home.*—Foresman, \$2.00; South Bend, Young Ladies' Society, \$21.73.*Savannah Fund, Haven Home.*—Michigan City, \$8.17. Total, \$31.90.

Grand total, ... \$326.42.

NORTHERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

Miss JENNIE M. BINGHAM, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ADAMS DISTRICT.—Belleville, \$11.00.

UTICA DISTRICT.—Madison, \$13.50; Utica, \$15.65 (name of Church not mentioned); South Street, \$17.00; Rome, First Church, \$57.00; collections at Conference, \$61.00. Total, \$175.15.

Beneficiary Fund.—Watertown, Mrs. Pamela Felt, \$30.00 (to Claflin University); Black River, \$15.00 (to student in Haven Home).

Total, \$45.00.

Special Funds.—Watertown, Mrs. Pamela Felt, \$50.00 (to E. L. Rust Home). Total, \$50.00.

Grand total, ... \$270.15.

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. H. E. Doud, Secretary.

Mrs. H. Harroun, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, \$70.95; Lucy Hayes Band, \$23.00; Jennings Avenue, \$7.00; Juvenile, \$5.00; Wellington, \$37.35; New London, \$6.30; Lorain, \$7.00; Huntington, \$8.00. Total, \$164.60.

GALION DISTRICT.—Crestline, \$31.25; Mt. Gilead, \$29.00.

Total, \$60.25.

MANSFIELD DISTRICT.—Mansfield, \$21.47; Ashland, \$23.15; Pavonia, \$16.25; Bellville, \$1.38; Hayesville, \$11.52; Juvenile, \$1.35; Plymouth, \$26.00; Plymouth Juvenile, \$3.00; Ontario, \$16.50; Perrysville, \$12.48; Perrysville Juvenile, \$1.10. Total, \$134.20.

Mt. VERNON DISTRICT.—Mt. Vernon, \$31.00; Roscoe, \$24.00; Fredericktown, \$27.00; Spring Mount, \$10.50. Total, \$92.50.

SANDUSKY DISTRICT.—Sandusky, \$48.75; Norwalk, \$29.75; Tiffin, \$16.00; Norwalk Juvenile, \$1.00; Bellevue, \$17.09; Bellevue Home Lights, \$5.13; East Townsend, \$5.75; Berlin Heights, \$2.00; Bloomville, \$3.00; Monroe-ville, \$2.00; North Fairfield, \$1.00. Total, \$131.47.

WOOSTER DISTRICT.—Wooster, \$27.00; Mrs. Harriet Stitts's Bequest, \$25.65; Canaan, \$5.20; Smithville, \$9.65; Millersburg Juvenile, \$6.19; Fredericksburg, \$16.80. Total, \$90.49.

Collected at Conference, Canal Dover, \$10.00.

Total to General Fund, ... \$683.51.

Savannah Fund.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, \$3.00; "Lucy Hayes Band," \$4.32; Mother's Jewels, 30c.; Wellington, \$24.11; New London, \$10.00; Mt. Gilead, \$10.00; Mansfield, \$10.00; Mansfield Young People, \$5.00; Plymouth Juvenile, \$8.00; Norwalk, \$35.00; Norwalk Juvenile, \$20.00; Oberlin, \$50.00; Crestline, \$20.00. Total, \$199.73.

Pawnee Indian Fund.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, Mrs. S. C. Moore, \$5.00; Wellington, "Mission Helpers," \$10.00; Berea, Mrs. Eleanor McDermott, \$40.00; Crestline, \$25.00; Mansfield, Mrs. H. C. Hedges, \$10.00; Mansfield, \$5.00; Pavonia, \$5.00; Norwalk, \$37.75; East Townsend (cash for supplies), \$16.60; Sandusky, Mrs. R. T. Stevenson, \$20.00. Total, \$174.35.

Utah Fund.—Ontario, \$20.00; Norwalk, \$6.00. Total, \$26.00.

E. L. Rust Home.—Orrville, \$50.00; Mansfield, Young People, \$5.00; Norwalk, \$9.00; Sandusky, \$24.00; Bellevue, \$12.80; Tiffin, \$28.00. Total, \$128.80.

Chicago Training-school.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, \$15.60; "Lucy Hayes Band," \$4.65; Mansfield Young People, \$10.00; Norwalk, \$14.00; East Townsend, 60c.; Berlin Heights and Milan, \$5.50; North Fairfield, \$1.80; Bellevue, 50c.; Bloomville, \$3.00; Brighton, \$2.00. Total, \$57.65.

Total to Special Fund, ... \$586.53.

Grand total, ... 1,270.04.

Life Members.—Mrs. Amanda Jones, Mrs. E. L. Skyrn, Mrs. Jennie Beard, Mrs. Addie Abbott, Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Mrs. R. T. Stevenson, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Mrs. Naomi Todd, Mrs. Eleanor McDermott, Mrs. Ida McDermott, Mrs. W. F. McDermott, Mrs. W. M. Shubert, Mrs. Maria Ramsey, Mrs. E. A. Breckenridge, Mrs. John McGuire.

NORTH-WEST GERMAN CONFERENCE.

Mrs. MARGERETHA DREYER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—\$6.00.

Total, \$6.00.

NORTH-WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. M. T. HOLLEN, Treasurer.

Pleasant View, \$11.00; Conference collections, \$9.00; Beloit, \$5.00;
 Kirwin, \$6.25; Other sources, \$4.00. Total, \$35.25.

NORTH-WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. S. P. MARSH, Secretary.

Mrs. J. B. SHLESSER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALGONA DISTRICT.—Dakota City, \$15.00; Clear
 Lake, \$3.50. Total, \$18.50.

FORT DODGE DISTRICT.—Hubbard, Boys' Juvenile Society, \$14.71;
 Storm Lake, \$4.70. Total, \$19.41.

SHELDON DISTRICT.—Spencer, Mrs. Shessler, \$5.00; Mrs. J. P. Negus,
 \$1.00; Miss Belle Griffith, \$1.00; Mrs. M. C. Bradway, \$1.00; Bishop Bow-
 man, \$1.00; Rev. Dr. Hatfield, \$1.00; Mrs. Wm. Tackaberry, \$1.00; Rev.
 J. H. Lozier, \$1.00; Rock Rapids, \$45.00. Total, \$57.00.

SIoux CITY DISTRICT.—Cherokee, \$6.75; Mrs. A. G. Carter, \$1.00;
 \$36.00 sent, without names of auxiliaries or individuals who contributed
 the money. Total, \$43.75.

Total, ... \$138.66.

Special Fund.—Cherokee, \$20.00 (to Savannah Fund). Total, \$20.00.

Grand total, ... \$158.66.

Life Members.—Mrs. Rev. H. Grace, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. Addie E.
 Carter, Mrs. Julia A. Brown.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

Mrs. T. W. STANLEY, Secretary. Mrs. J. R. LYTLE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.—Washington C. H., \$31.50;
 New Holland, \$18.50; Chillicothe, \$1.00; Adelphi, \$11.85; Estella Chapel,
 \$3.00; Frankfort, \$5.25; Concord, \$9.00; Richmond, \$7.50; Bainbridge,
 \$16.00; Bourneville, \$3.00. Total, \$106.60.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Columbus Union Auxiliary, \$107.85; Pataskala,
 \$2.50; Canal Winchester, \$13.59; Westerville, \$4.78; Groveport, \$2.00.
 Total, \$130.72.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Lancaster, \$25.00; Logan, \$20.20; Sugar Grove,
 \$5.00; South Bloomfield, \$2.58; Junction City, \$8.61; Amanda, \$7.67;
 Bremen, \$3.00; Circleville, \$8.00. Total, \$80.06.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$49.00; "Willing Workers,"
 \$20.25; Commercial Point, \$7.00; Plain City, \$7.00; London, \$24.45; Bloom-
 ingsburg, \$11.25; Stratford, \$13.75; Harrisburg, \$2.00; Lewis Center, \$2.22;
 Worthington, \$10.00. Total, \$146.92.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Hamden, \$2.50; Gallipolis, \$13.00; Gallipolis
 Circuit, \$2.00. Total, \$17.50.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Nelsonville, \$9.89; Marietta, \$14.32; Downington,
 50c.; Amesville, \$2.00; Athens, \$10.60. Total, \$37.81.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Ironton, \$29.35; Olive Furnace, \$4.00; Ports-
 mouth: Bigelow Chapel, \$8.25; Sixth Street, \$10.00; Jasper, \$1.00; Rome,
 \$3.25. Total, \$55.85.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Dresden, \$21.00; Malta, \$21.75; Philo, \$3.20;
 Fultonham, \$2.90; Zanesville: Second Street, \$35.25; Seventh Street,
 \$3.75; Frazesburg, \$8.00; Roseville, \$16.00; McCluny, \$6.70.
 Total, \$118.55.

General Contributions.—Hebron, Mr. Benjamin Green, \$100.00; Com-
 mercial Point, \$11.50; Lancaster Camp-meeting, \$54.03; Ohio Conference
 collection, \$27.57. Total, \$193.10.

Total, ... \$886.61.

Beneficiary Fund.—Columbus Young Ladies' Society, \$81.00.

Total, \$81.00.

Special Funds.—*Savannah*.—Ironton, \$20.00; Delaware, St. Paul, \$12.08; Circleville, \$1.25; Columbus Union Auxiliary, \$1.10. Total, \$34.43.

Utah Fund.—Columbus Union Auxiliary, \$454.85; Delaware, St. Paul, \$37.50. Total, \$492.35.

Nickel Fund.—Marietta, \$3.00; Delaware, St. Paul, \$7.00; Columbus Union Auxiliary, \$13.10. Total, \$23.10.

Total, ... \$549.88.

Grand total, ... 1,517.49.

Supplies.—Seven boxes, value, \$400.37.

Honorary Managers.—Mrs. Dr. Dunham, Mrs. Jane A. Minor, Mrs. P. A. Hillman.

Life Members.—Mrs. John Gugel, Mrs. M. Rudisill, Mrs. Rev. E. Brune, Mrs. J. A. Minor, Mrs. D. Gray, Mrs. T. E. Munson, Mrs. E. Hopkins, Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. L. E. Wiley, Mrs. S. A. Davis, Miss Lucy Peters, Miss H. M. Pierce, Mrs. A. Drake, Mrs. N. R. Watson, Mrs. J. W. Dillon, Mrs. J. H. Gardner, Mrs. L. S. Wells, Mrs. J. R. Lytle.

OREGON CONFERENCE.

To General Fund.—Conference offerings, \$21.00.

Total, \$21.00.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. W. BICKLEY, Secretary. Mrs. H. B. KENNEY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Easton, Second Street, \$16.00; Philadelphia: East Montgomery, \$17.25; Fifth Street, \$76.10; Frankford, Paul Street, 67c.; Mite-boxes, \$23.28. Total, \$133.30.

NORTH-WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Germantown, Haines Street, \$38.00; Fourth Street, \$15.00; Tabernacle, \$123.00; St. Stephens, \$31.00; Tioga, \$29.00; Trinity, \$56.50; Grace, \$65.62; Reading, \$16.57; Covenant, \$13.50; St. Peter's, \$12.32. Total, \$420.51.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Asbury, \$12.58; Green Street, \$32.00; Nineteenth Street, \$65.00; Spring Garden, \$197.00; Bryn Mawr, St. Luke, \$28.35; Radnor, \$18.05. Total, \$352.98.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$114.00; Madison Street, \$31.25; Mission Band, \$15.26; Ebenezer, \$45.68; Infant Class Band, \$1.73; Wharton Street, \$16.30. Total, \$224.22.

Grand total, ... \$1,131.01.

Beneficiary Fund.—Philadelphia: Germantown, Haines Street, \$30.00 (to Haven Home); Young Ladies at Annual Meeting, \$33.00 (to Simpson Home). Total, \$63.00.

Special Fund.—*Matthew Simpson Home*.—Conference collections, \$210.17; Philadelphia, Grace Church, \$42.93; Germantown: Haines Street, Mrs. Dehouns, \$25.00; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, \$100.00; Mite-box, \$17.50; Bryn Mawr, \$20.00; Tabernacle, \$39.00; Tioga, \$19.00; Trinity, \$11.00; Madison Mission Band, \$63.34; Green Street, \$195.93; Spring Garden, \$129.79; St. Stephen's, \$12.25; Radnor, \$20.00; Nineteenth Street, \$37.50; Mite-box, \$13.24; Asbury, \$5.00; Norristown, Oak Street, \$8.12; Fifth Street, \$10.00; Christ Church, \$17.00; Reading, \$25.00; Arch Street, \$200.00.

Total, \$1,221.77.

Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Philadelphia: Spring Garden, \$5.00; Green Street, \$10.00; Reading: Ebenezer, \$10.00; Arch Street, \$150.00; Germantown, Haines Street, \$506.00; Tioga, \$10.00. Total, \$691.00.

Pawnee Cottage Fund.—Trinity, \$40.00; Mrs. J. W. Boughton, \$20.00; Arch Street, \$50.00. Total, \$110.00.

Savannah Fund.—*Haven Home.*—Arch Street, \$100.00; Grace Church, \$10.00; Reading, \$2.00; Frankford: St. Paul, \$1.00; East Montgomery, \$1.00; Nineteenth Street, \$1.00; Germantown: Haines Street, \$2.00; Tabernacle, \$1.00; Grace, \$1.00; Simpson Band, \$1.00; St. Stephen's, \$1.00; Spring Garden, \$1.00; Green Street, \$1.00; Trinity, \$1.00; Madison Street, \$1.00; Wharton Street, \$1.00; Ebenezer, \$1.00. Total, \$127.00.

Total, ... \$2,149.77.

Grand total, ... 3,343.78.

Life Members.—Mrs. C. D. Thum, Miss M. E. Van Renssclaer, Mrs. Bishop Simpson, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Thomas Wright, Mrs. E. B. McCombs, Mrs. M. Werner, Mr. Jesse Reynolds, Mrs. Rev. G. W. Miller, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Thomas Harris, Mrs. H. S. Kenney, Mrs. Thomas May Peirce.

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

Mrs. M. J. Schoyer, Secretary. Mrs. A. R. Ingram, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—PITTSBURG DISTRICT.—Pittsburg: Christ Church, \$29.00; Emory, \$12.00.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—Allegheny, North Avenue, \$19.54; Union, \$19.85.

BLAIRSVILLE DISTRICT.—Blairsville, \$17.50. Total, \$97.89.

Mrs. Cameron's Work in Coke Regions.—Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$14.00; Oakland, \$8.00; Christ Church, \$7.00; Fifth Avenue, \$1.00; Allegheny, North Avenue, \$26.58; Mrs. J. A. Hall, \$20.00; Cokeville, \$10.88. Total, \$87.46.

To Rev. J. C. High's Work in Coke Regions.—Pittsburg and Allegheny Churches, \$4.00. Total, \$4.00.

Total to Coke Regions, ... \$131.46.

Grand total, ... 229.35.

Life Member.—Mrs. J. A. Hall.

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Secretary. Mrs. T. C. Hoag, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago: Ada Street, \$2.54; Grace Church, \$36.25; Young Ladies' Society, \$8.75; Grant Place, \$61.63; Halstead Street, \$10.90; Langley Avenue, \$35.00; Michigan Avenue, \$16.00; Park Avenue, \$50.37; Western Avenue, \$56.20; Trinity, \$2.00; Chicago Training-school, \$3.50; Des Plaines, \$26.39; Evanston, First Church, \$184.48; Mite-box, \$1.10; South Evanston, \$15.00; Mite-box, \$1.38; Oak Park, \$25.50; River Forest, \$3.71; Rogers Park, \$11.00; Waukegan, \$5.00; Willamette, \$1.00. Total, \$557.70.

ROCKFORD DISTRICT.—Elgin, First Church, \$22.50; Mite-box, 67c.; Rockford, \$60.00; Libertyville, \$1.00. Total, \$84.17.

FREEMONT DISTRICT.—Freeport, \$7.50; Galena, \$20.00; Warren, \$27.19; Plano, \$16.00. Total, \$70.69.

AURORA DISTRICT.—Aurora, First Church, \$11.42. Total, \$11.42.

JOLIET DISTRICT.—Joliet, Ottawa Street, \$21.70; Morris, \$20.00; Peotone, \$7.75. Total, \$49.45.

Total, ... \$773.43.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Atlanta Students.*—Evanston, First Church, \$184.50; Mr. Simeon Farwell, \$100.00; Mrs. Marcy, \$35.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$20.00; River Forest, \$40.00; Chicago, Centenary Church, \$15.00. Total, \$394.50.

<i>To Bennett Seminary.</i> —Evanston, \$25.00.	Total, \$25.00.
<i>To Haven Home.</i> —Chicago, Mission Band, \$20.00.	Total, \$20.00.
Total, ...	\$439.50.
Special Funds. — <i>To Savannah Fund.</i> —Chicago, Michigan Avenue, \$15.00; Evanston, \$25.00.	Total, \$40.00.
UTAH.— <i>Scandinavian Work.</i> —Chicago, Park Avenue, Miss L. Baur, \$15.00; Western Avenue, \$10.00; Evanston, \$3.00; Plano Camp-meeting, \$71.02; Mite-boxes, \$5.02; Des Plaines, \$20.00; Lake Bluff, \$17.30; South Evanston, \$3.60; Hinckley, \$5.00.	Total, \$149.94.
<i>Training-school "Nickel Fund."</i> —Evanston, \$41.23; Mrs. Marcy, \$59.24; Fair proceeds, \$200.00; unknown sources, \$17.27; Ladies' College, \$6.58; Shirland, \$15.15; River Forest, \$20.00; Hinckley, \$9.30.	Total, \$368.77.
<i>Gammon Home, to be built in Atlanta.</i> —Evanston, \$20.00; Oak Park, \$20.00; Joliet, \$30.00; Elgin, \$1.00; Rogers Place, 50c.; Plano, \$10.00; Hinckley, \$4.00.	Total, \$85.50.
<i>Camden Home.</i> —Evanston, \$3.00.	Total, \$3.00.
<i>Bohemian Work.</i> —Evanston, \$16.00; Mrs. Willing, \$72.00.	Total, \$88.00.
Total to Special Funds, ...	\$735.21.
Grand total, ...	1,948.14.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

— — — — —, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund. —St. Louis, Union M. E. Church, \$75.00; Springfield, \$6.00; Conference collections, \$24.12.	Total, \$105.12.
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ST. LOUIS GERMAN.

— — — — —, Secretary.

To General Fund. —Conference offerings, \$31.50.	Total, \$31.50.
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SAVANNAH CONFERENCE.

— — — — —, Secretary.

Special Fund. —Conference gleanings, \$31.85 (to Haven Home).	Total, \$31.85.
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SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. L. M. DUNTON, Secretary.

Special Funds. —Conference gleanings, \$52.65 (to furnishing Matthew Simpson Home).	Total, \$52.65.
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SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. H. CARWARDINE, Secretary. Mrs. L. M. RHOADS, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —Conference Gleanings, \$15.00; Independence, \$22.47.	Total, \$37.47.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE O'NEIL, Secretary. Mrs. M. A. GILSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —Los ANGELES DISTRICT, \$740.65 (disbursed in the Conference).	Total, \$740.65.
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Life Members.—Mrs. R. W. C. Farnsworth, Mrs. J. P. Widney, Mrs. S. Strohm.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. N. DICKSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

Special Funds.—*Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.*—Conference Offerings, \$2.00; Carbondale, \$2.00; McLeansboro, \$20.00. Total, \$24.00.

SOUTH-EAST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. S. CHAFEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$20.25; Young Ladies' Society, \$36.46; Fletcher Place, \$6.00; Roberts Park, \$49.55; Shelbyville, \$18.85; Young Ladies' Society, \$2.50. Total, \$133.61.

CONNERSVILLE DISTRICT.—Connersville, \$36.75; Mrs. K. B. Tinsley, \$1.50; Rushville, \$21.25; Brookville, \$1.00. Total, \$60.50.

MOORE'S HILL DISTRICT.—Lawrenceburg, \$15.55; Greensburg, \$17.75; Mite-box, \$3.10; College Corner, \$1.50. Total, \$37.90.

Total, ... \$232.01.

Special Funds.—*Savannah Fund.*—Greensburg, \$2.00; Indianapolis, Roberts Park, \$10.00; Conference Collection, \$12.00; Greenwood, \$2.00. Total, \$26.00.

To *Utah Scandinavian Work.*—Roberts Park, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Total, ... \$36.00.

Grand total, ... 268.01.

SOUTH-WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. S. BUCKNER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Hutchinson, \$8.50. Total, \$8.50.

Special Fund.—*Savannah, Haven Home.*—Hutchinson, \$8.20. Total, \$8.20.

Grand total, ... \$16.70.

TROY CONFERENCE.

Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, Secretary. Mrs. HENRY GRAHAM, Treasurer.

Special Fund.—*To Kent Home built by Troy Conference.*—Troy DISTRICT.—Brunswick, \$4.00; Berlin, \$1.00; Columbia, \$1.00; Dalton, \$2.00; Hoosick Falls, \$45.20; Nassau and Brainard, \$2.00; North Chatham, \$1.00; North Adams, \$7.00; Lanesborough, \$11.60; Pittstown, \$1.00; Petersburg, \$2.00; Pittsfield, \$16.00; Stuyvesant, \$4.00; Tomhannock, \$2.00; West Lebanon, \$1.00; West Troy, \$1.00; West Sand Lake, \$46.05; Troy, North Second Street, \$112.50; State Street, \$27.00; Vail Avenue, \$1.00; Third Street, \$1.00. Total, \$289.35.

ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$38.65; Grace, \$10.00; Saint Luke's, \$25.00; Trinity, \$43.00; First Church, \$64.00; Ames and Argusville, \$2.00; Amsterdam, \$19.25; Canajoharie, \$10.00; Clarksville, \$1.50; Castleton, \$1.00; Esperance, \$1.00; East Greenbush, \$1.00; Fonda, \$11.00; Greenbush, \$2.00; Fort Plain, \$5.00; Frey's Bush, 50c; Grovenor's, \$1.00; Knox, \$1.00; Middleburg, \$2.00; Minaville, \$1.00; Rensselaerville, \$1.00; Richmondville, \$4.00; Newtonville, \$4.00; Sharon Springs, \$1.00; Slingerlands, \$5.00; Schenectady, \$11.00; Seward, \$18.75. Total, \$284.65.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Bleeker, \$2.00; Ballston Spa, \$1.00; Charlton, \$1.00; Corinth, \$2.00; Crescent, \$2.00; Glenville, \$1.00; Gloversville, First Church, \$140.00; Mrs. Kent's donation, \$1,150.00; Mission Band, \$80.50; Johnstown, \$6.00; Jonesville, \$14.00; Northville, \$38.00; Johnsonville, \$4.00; Ketcham, \$1.00; Mayfield, 25c; Old Clifton Park, \$1.00; Round Lake, \$51.00; Saratoga Springs, \$97.56; Mrs. S. S. Strong, \$20.00;

Stillwater Mission Band, \$95.52; Mite-boxes, \$4.48; Wells and Lake Pleasant, \$1.00; Schaghticoke, \$1.00; Waterford, \$2.00; unknown friends, \$6.00.

Total, \$1,722.31.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—Argyle, \$11.00; Chestertown, \$2.00; Easton, \$1.00; Granville, \$1.00; Hartford, \$1.00; Glen's Falls, \$27.00; Greenwich, \$13.00; Fort Edward, \$47.00; Johnsburg, \$3.00; Lake George, \$1.00; North Creek, \$2.00; Pottersville, \$1.00; Salem, \$2.00; South Glen's Falls, \$7.00; Sandy Hill, \$9.00; Sandford's Ridge, \$1.38; Schroom Lake, \$1.00; Schuylerville, \$3.00; Shusan, \$1.00; South Cambridge, \$1.00; Warrenburg, \$6.00; East Poultney, \$5.00.

Total, \$146.38.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Burlington, \$61.71; Bennington, \$6.00; Benson, \$1.00; Bridgeport, \$1.00; Hinesburg, \$1.00; Pawlet, \$1.00; Rutland, \$1.00; Tinmouth, \$2.00; Weybridge, \$2.00; Middleburg, \$1.00.

Total, \$77.71.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Moor's, \$10.00; Plattsburg, \$5.00; Champlain, \$1.00; Chazy, \$1.40; Clintonville, \$1.00; Crown Point, \$3.00; Elizabethtown, \$1.00; Ellenburg, \$1.00; Jay, \$1.00; Keesville, \$4.00; Redford, \$2.00; Schuyler Falls, \$1.50; Ticonderoga, \$1.00; Willsborough, \$5.00.

Total, \$37.90.

Total to Kent Home, ... \$2,558.30.

Indian Cottage Fund.—Albany, Trinity, \$17.00.

Nickel Fund, Training-school.—Saratoga Springs, Mrs. Strong's Collection, \$10.80.

Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Fonda, \$5.00.

Savannah Fund.—Albany, Ash Grove, \$2.00; Troy, Second Street, \$2.00; Fort Edward, \$2.00.

Total, \$38.80.

Grand total, ... \$2,597.10.

Life Members.—Mrs. L. Stickney, Mrs. Harvey Wendell, Miss A. Blackalls, Mrs. H. L. Grant, Mrs. L. Trovers, Mrs. M. E. Bristol, Mrs. S. V. Leach, Mrs. Wm. H. Rowe, Mrs. H. H. Hathorn, Mrs. J. C. Ide.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Mrs. ISABELLA HOWELLS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To Special Fund.—*Work in Texas.*—Auxiliaries, \$285.00; other sources, \$123.54.

Total, \$408.54.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. COL. SPRINGER, Secretary. Mrs. J. G. VAN NESS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT.—Cedar Falls, \$9.25; Janesville, \$7.92; Mason City, \$7.50; Mt. Auburn, \$8.25; Waverly, \$16.50; Waterloo, Jefferson Street Church, \$18.75; Grace, \$2.25; Parkersburg, \$6.75; Allison, \$1.31.

Total, \$78.48.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Anamosa, \$34.15 (including \$5.00 from Rev. Bishop Isbell); Cedar Rapids, \$20.00; Marion, \$38.00; Marion Circuit, \$2.00; Mt. Vernon, \$40.65; Shellsburg, \$1.00; Springfield, \$7.75.

Total, \$143.55.

DECORAH DISTRICT.—Charles City, \$4.70.

Total, \$4.70.

DAVENPORT DISTRICT.—Baldwin, \$1.00; Burgess, \$1.00; Center Junction, \$11.30; Davenport, \$11.00; Ellwood, \$5.00; Delmar Juvenile Society, \$9.50; Monmouth, \$2.87; Miles, \$6.75; Vernon Prairie, \$19.75.

Total, \$68.17.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—Dubuque, Main Street, \$55.07; Fayette, \$27.75; Hopkinton, \$23.00; Manchester, \$40.00; Independence, \$17.35; Maquoketa, \$33.05; Strawberry Point, \$11.00; Garrison, \$2.00.

Total, \$209.22.

MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT.—Belle Plain, \$2.00; Iowa City, \$30.00; Mason City, \$12.50; Toledo, \$8.75; Chelsea, \$1.00; Whitten, \$1.00; Tama City, \$1.00. Total, \$56.25.

OTHER SOURCES.—Morrison, \$8.00; Conference Gleanings, \$39.20; a friend, \$1.00; uncredited, \$23.00. Total, \$71.20.

Total to General Fund, ... \$631.57.

BENEFICIARY FUND.—Iowa City: Mrs. McCochrane, to Haven Home, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

SPECIAL FUNDS.—Waterloo: Jefferson Street, \$6.50 (to Greensboro Home); Maquoketa, Mrs. A. L. Barnes, \$6.00 (to Haven Home). Total, \$12.50.

Grand total, ... \$654.07.

LIFE MEMBERS.—Mrs. Adelia Barnes, Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Miss Jennie Barnes, Mrs. J. C. Cochran, Mrs. Capt. Sterling, Mrs. A. B. Dumont, Mrs. C. H. Cooper, Mrs. C. W. Hanchett, Mrs. C. A. Hurlburd, Mrs. Col. Van Anda, Mrs. J. C. Stevens, Mr. J. H. Rhea, Dr. Mary Porter, Mrs. Charles Eighmey, Mrs. S. S. Winall, Mrs. C. S. Keller, Mrs. J. M. Chapman, Miss H. M. Smith, Mrs. Daniel Heald, Mrs. L. N. Elliot, Miss Fannie Bates, Mrs. J. Bigby, Mrs. Alex. Duncan, Mrs. W. Dore, Mrs. W. McCormick, Mrs. R. Parsons, Miss Minnie Miller, Mrs. R. Peebles, Mrs. W. A. Hubbard, Mrs. R. H. Seaton, Mrs. Dr. Honinsein, Mrs. Anna Cleveland, Mrs. C. E. Phillips.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

MRS. T. P. FROST, Secretary. MRS. W. E. BARNEY, Treasurer.

MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—Barre, \$3.00; Claremont Union Camp-meeting, \$15.26; East Warren, 35c.; Montpelier, \$11.00; Children's Band, \$11.30; Northfield, \$8.30; Northfield Camp-meeting, \$6.15; Plainfield, \$10.00; Randolph, \$1.32. \$66.68.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.—Alburg, \$1.00; Bakersfield and Fairfax, \$4.00; Milton, \$7.70; St. Albans, \$18.00; Mission Band, \$10.75; Underhill, Mite-box returns from Committees, \$3.15; Morristown, 32c. \$44.92.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Ascutneyville, \$7.00; Hartland, \$7.00; Mite-box, \$1.00; Conference Auxiliary, \$4.00; Hartford, \$4.00; North Thetford, \$1.25; White River Junction, \$21.16; Wilmington, \$10.51; Wilmington Mission Band, 25c. \$56.17.

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT.—District Auxiliary, \$24.00; St. Johnsbury, \$6.00; Mission Band, \$2.00; Mite-box, \$1.00; St. Johnsbury Center, \$2.00; Westfield, \$2.00. \$37.00.

Total, \$204.77.

BENEFICIARY FUND.—Northfield Band, \$15.00 (to student in Haven Home). Total, \$15.00.

SPECIAL FUNDS.—*Boylan Home*.—Claremont Union Camp-meeting Auxiliary, \$10.75; Randolph, \$11.00; Northfield Camp-meeting, \$3.00; St. Albans, \$10.25; Brownsville, \$11.00; Bradford, 50c.; White River Junction, \$6.00; Vermont Conference Auxiliary, \$10.00; Montpelier Children's Band, \$5.00. Ascutneyville, \$10.00; Conference Auxiliary, \$31.50. \$109.00.

Savannah Fund.—Haven Home.—Ascutneyville, \$1.00; Milton, \$1.00; Wilmington, \$2.00; Montpelier, \$1.00; Proctorsville, \$3.00; Chelsea, \$6.30. \$14.30.

Indian Cottage Fund.—St. Albans, Mrs. Cobb, \$5.00; Ascutneyville, \$2.35; White River Junction, \$5.00. \$12.35.

Mother's Jewels.—Northfield, 10c.

Total, ... \$135.75.

Grand total, ... 355.52.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

— — — — —, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Conference Gleanings, \$14.80. Total, \$14.80.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

MRS. M. BENSON, Secretary.

MRS. P. CHEEK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Baraboo, \$35.10; Reedsburg, \$7.96; Esdaile, \$13.30; North Freedom, 30c.; Tomah, 10c.; Galesville, \$1.00; Verona, \$1.00; Bloomington Charge, \$1.00; Eau Claire, \$1.00. Total, \$60.76.

Special Fund.—Esdaile, \$2.60 to Savannah. Total, \$2.60.

Grand total, ... \$63.36.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

MRS. J. S. DAVIS, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Forest Home, \$6.25. Total, \$6.25.

WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

MRS. W. G. VESSELS, Secretary.

MRS. L. STEVENS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—North Platte, \$9.50. Total, \$9.50.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MRS. C. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

To Special Work in Texas.—Austin, \$5.00; Auxiliaries of Texas not specially named, \$20.00. Total, \$25.00.

Beneficiary Fund.—Waco, Mrs. S. A. Westbrook, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

Grand total, ... \$35.00.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. L. WELDIN, Secretary.

MRS. A. C. DAVIDSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Wilmington, Conference Collection, \$105.20; Wilmington: Asbury, \$23.55; Scott, \$22.75; Grace, \$123.64; Mrs. Weldon, \$2.50 (Home Light.) Total, \$277.64.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Snow Hill, \$11.25. Total, \$11.25.
Total, ... \$288.89.

Special Fund.—Wilmington, Mrs. E. L. Weldin, \$75.00 (to Home to be built in New Orleans). Total, \$75.00.

Grand total, ... \$363.89.

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

MRS. E. S. TUPPER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$22.00; Centenary, \$19.55; "Willing" Mission Band, \$1.70; Children's Class, \$1.63; Factoryville, \$5.00; Union Auxiliary, \$2.00. Total, \$51.88.

CHENANGO DISTRICT.—Oxford, \$1.45. Total, \$1.45.

HONESDALE DISTRICT.—Carbondale, \$8.25. Total, \$8.25.

OTSEGO DISTRICT.—Schenevus, \$6.00; Westford, \$6.00; Worcester, \$3.50. Total, \$15.50.

WYOMING DISTRICT.—West Pittston, \$6.75; Providence, \$4.00; Wilkesbarre, Mrs. M. P. Bennett, \$250.00. Total, \$260.75.

Total, ... \$337.83.

Beneficiary Fund.—Binghamton, \$25.00 (to student in Claflin); Willing Workers, \$18.80 (to student in Haven Home.) Total, \$43.80.

Special Funds.—*Savannah Fund.*—To name a room to be called "Wyoming Conference Room."—Binghamton, Tabernacle, Mrs. R. Hiorns, \$20.00; Wilkesbarre, Mrs. C. Walter, \$10.00; Mrs. Jennings, \$5.00; Mrs. H. H. Derr, \$5.00; Mrs. Geo. K. Powell, \$10.00; Mrs. G. Bennett, \$10.00; Mrs. P. L. Bennett, \$10.00; Carverton, Mrs. Geo. France, \$10.00; Hawleyton, Rev. P. Holbrook, \$15.00; Wilkesbarre, Mrs. John Wood, \$5.00; Mrs. A. Dixon, \$5.00; Mrs. C. P. Price, \$5.00; Mrs. E. Robins, \$1.00; Mrs. J. E. Patterson, \$5.00; Mrs. G. W. Miller, \$1.00; Mrs. F. B. Staple, \$5.00; Lake Como, Mrs. D. A. Sanford, Union Auxiliary, \$1.75. Total, \$123.75.

Scandinavian Work in Utah.—Wilkesbarre, W. F. M. S., \$20.00; Binghamton, "Willing Mission Band," \$20.00. Total, \$40.00.

Total, ... \$163.75.

Grand total, ... \$545.38.

Honorary Manager.—Mrs. H. H. Derr.

Life Members.—Mrs. R. Hiorns, Mrs. H. H. Crary.

OTHER SOURCES.

Special Funds.—*Haven Home.*—A Friend, \$162.94; sale of Pictures, \$53.80; Mrs. Rickett's Mite-box, \$100.00. Total, \$316.74.

Utah, Lucy Hayes' School-houses.—Basket Collection at Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, \$45.00; Mrs. Ives, \$1.00. Total, \$46.00.

Indian Fund.—From Friends, through Mrs. McCabe, \$255.00.

Total, \$255.00.

Simpson Home.—Mrs. Austin Gove, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

Grand total, ... \$677.74.

Life Member.—C. A. Rose.

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS OF GENERAL FUND.

Arkansas Conference, ...	\$13 85
Baltimore "	182 00
California "	40 30
Central Illinois Conference, ...	30 00
Central New York Conference, ...	458 24
Central Ohio "	763 12
Central Pennsylvania, "	96 00
Cincinnati "	1,875 05
Columbia River "	73 75
Colorado "	88 20
Des Moines "	34 00
Detroit "	2,507 25
East Ohio "	812 30
East Tennessee "	17 00
Erie "	940 39
Genesee "	189 15
Holston "	104 00

Indiana Conference, ...	\$216 89
Illinois "	138 71
Iowa "	27 39
Kansas "	27 00
Kentucky "	62 00
Little Rock "	9 60
Lexington "	16 65
Louisiana "	71 00
Maine "	121 00
Michigan "	719 36
Missouri "	10 00
Nebraska "	33 00
Newark "	713 70
New England "	667 65
New Jersey "	130 16
New York "	723 53
New York East Conference, ...	301 00
North Nebraska "	28 00
North Indiana "	72 38
North-west Indiana "	294 52
Northern New York "	175 15
North Ohio "	683 51
North-west German "	6 00
North-west Kansas "	35 25
North-west Iowa "	138 66
Ohio "	886 61
Oregon "	21 00
Philadelphia "	1,131 01
Pittsburg "	229 35
Rock River "	793 43
St. Louis "	105 12
St. Louis German "	31 50
South Kansas "	37 47
Southern California "	740 65
South-east Indiana "	232 01
South-west Kansas "	8 50
Upper Iowa "	631 57
Vermont "	204 77
Washington "	14 80
West Wisconsin "	60 76
West Nebraska "	9 50
Wisconsin "	6 25
Wilmington "	288 89
Wyoming "	337 83
Advertisements, ...	240 00
Interest on Bequest, ...	69 90
	\$19,725 63

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Deficit borrowed last year from Special Fund, ...	\$1,523 17
" to Missionaries in the Southern States, ...	4,726 12
" " in Utah, ...	2,108 85
" Missionary in Indian Territory, ...	503 68
" Miss Betts, Missionary Helper and Organizer, ...	282 23
" Frontier Work in Michigan, through Michigan Conference, ...	722 36
" Frontier Work in Michigan, through Detroit Conference, ...	2,507 25

Paid to Frontier work in Southern California, through Southern California Conference, ...	\$740 65
“ “ “ Kansas, through Philadelphia Conference, ...	100 00
“ “ “ Nebraska, through Erie Conference, ...	14 95
“ Kentucky, through Kentucky Conference, ...	60 00
“ Pennsylvania Coke Region, through Pittsburg Conference, ...	131 46
“ Schools in New Orleans, through Louisiana Conference, ...	65 00
“ E. L. Rust Home, Incidentals and Repairs, ...	154 74
“ Adeline Smith Home, Incidentals and Repairs, ...	62 86
“ Home at Pawnee Agency, Incidentals and Repairs, ...	186 00
“ Matthew Simpson Home, Repairs and furnishing, ...	248 85
“ Insurance, ...	155 00
“ Printing Annual Reports, Blanks, and Literature, ...	1,073 71
“ Conference Secretaries, and “Helpers” in the Work of organizing, ...	1,130 82
“ Postage, Stationery, Freight, Telegraphing, and Shipping of Boxes, ...	650 57
“ Clerical Work, ...	198 00
“ Mite-boxes, ...	113 00
“ Engravings of Industrial Homes, ...	36 50
“ Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, ...	1,186 92
“ Organ for Ames Chapel, New Orleans, La., ...	60 00
“ Contingent Expenses, as shown by Vouchers, ...	218 31
	\$18,961 00
Balance to next year, ...	764 63
	\$19,725 63

RECEIPTS FOR BENEFICIARY FUND.

Arkansas Conference, ...	\$78 90
Central New York Conference, ...	120 00
Central Ohio “	143 40
Central Pennsylvania “	23 00
Cincinnati “	156 10
East Ohio “	111 60
Erie “	174 00
Genesee “	80 00
Illinois “	64 57
Iowa “	15 00
Kentucky “	8 00
Maine “	10 00
Mississippi “	26 00
Newark “	141 35
New England “	607 85
New England Southern Conference, ...	30 00
New York “	83 53
North Indiana “	5 00
Northern New York “	45 00
Ohio “	81 00
Philadelphia “	63 00
Rock River “	439 50
Upper Iowa “	10 00

Vermont Conference.	\$15 00
West Texas "	10 00
Wyoming "	43 80
	\$2,585 60
Deficit borrowed from Special Fund, ...	17 75
	\$2,603 35

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOLARSHIPS—To Students in Haven Home, ...	\$1,486 87
“ “ Boylan “	32 00
“ “ E. L. Rust Home	68 60
“ “ Adeline Smith Home	148 45
“ “ Bennett Seminary, ...	25 00
“ “ Central Tennessee College, ...	30 00
“ “ Training-school in Chicago Illinois	17 00
“ “ Atlanta Home, Clark University, ...	347 53
“ “ Matthew Simpson Home, Claflin University, ...	440 10
Deficit borrowed last year, ...	7 80
	\$2,603 35

SPECIAL FUND.

To be used in the Extension of the Work as requested by Donors.

Balance, ...	\$5,631 32
Central Illinois Conference, ...	30 00
Central New York “	145 98
Central Ohio “	1,554 80
Central Pennsylvania Conference, ...	47 50
Cincinnati “	562 45
Detroit “	375 00
East Ohio “	313 90
Erie “	515 12
Florida “	114 46
Genesee “	50 00
Indiana “	18 00
Illinois “	122 61
Kentucky “	560 00
Maine “	64 70
Michigan “	39 60
Minnesota “	5 00
Newark “	2,138 00
New England “	808 76
New England Southern “	892 98
New Hampshire “	542 21
New Jersey “	105 20
New York “	104 50
New York East “	115 00
North Indiana “	32 00
North-west Indiana “	31 90
Northern New York “	50 00
North Ohio “	586 53
North-west Iowa “	20 00
Ohio “	549 88

GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.

November 1, 1886.

BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR—	
In Special Extension Fund, ...	\$5,631 32
RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR—	
General Fund, ...	\$19,725 63
Beneficiary Fund, ...	2,585 60
“ “ Deficit, ...	*17 75
Special Extension Fund, ...	17,621 74
	39,950 72
	\$45,582 04
PAID DURING THE YEAR—	
General Fund, ...	\$18,961 00
Beneficiary Fund, ...	2,603 35
Special Extension Fund, ...	19,598 40
	41,162 75
BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR—	
General Fund, ...	\$764 63
Special Extension Fund, ...	3,654 66
	4,419 29
	\$45,582 04

LOCAL WORK.

Moneys received and disbursed in the Conferences named: vouchers for the following sums have been received:

Cincinnati Conference, ...	\$200 00
Detroit “	158 00
Erie “	10 00
Newark “	98 00
South-east Indiana Conference, ...	10 00
	\$476 00

Treasurer's Note.—The ladies of the Executive Board pay their own expenses each year to Annual Meeting, thus saving the treasury an amount of money which it is the privilege of the Board to draw if bills are presented.

I desire to correct a statement which was made in Third Annual Report, and overlooked last year, page 107, Expenditures in General Fund, to expenses of Mrs. Whetstone and Mrs. Bayliss in visiting the Industrial Homes, \$187.70. I should have added the words “donated to *Special Savannah Fund*,” by Mrs. J. L. Whetstone. These ladies not only donated their expenses, but did us good service in looking into our work. Mr. and Mrs. Whetstone have spent time and money each season during their visitations South, in planning and executing work, especially in *Savannah* and *Jacksonville*, without cost to the Society.

I have made a careful examination of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer, and find that she has promptly disbursed all moneys coming into her hands. She has produced vouchers for all disbursements, which have been canceled by me.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Auditor.

*This amount has been borrowed from Special Fund.

Honorary Patrons, Managers, and Life Members.

HONORARY PATRONS.

Constituted by the payment of Three Hundred Dollars or more at one time.

Mrs. M. P. Bennett,	Mrs. L. B. Gurley,	Mrs. R. S. Rust,
Mr. W. E. Blackstone,	" R. B. Hayes,	" A. M. Smith,
Mrs. W. E. Blackstone,	" B. F. Ham,	" Fannie Speed,
" Minnie Budlong,	Rev. A. G. Haygood,	" A. D. Sargeant,*
" A. De Groot,	Miss C. F. Hedges,	" E. W. Simpson,
Rev. S. W. Edmiston,	Mrs. James Kent,	Mr. J. L. Whetstone,
Mr. E. H. Gammon,	" J. F. Knapp,	Mrs. J. L. Whetstone,
Mrs. E. H. Gammon,	" G. E. Palen,	" A. L. L. Young,*
Mr. R. W. P. Goff,	" Caroline Ritter,	Miss Hattie Young.
Mrs. R. W. P. Goff,	Rev. R. S. Rust,	

Constituted on account of valuable services rendered.

Mrs. A. R. Clark, | Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, | Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.

HONORARY MANAGERS.

Constituted by the payment of One Hundred Dollars or more at one time.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken,	Mrs. C. D. Firestone,	Mrs. Jane A. Minor,
" Hannah Barber,*	" S. M. Goodall,	" Isaac Newhall,
" J. H. Bayliss,	" R. W. P. Goff,	" G. E. Palen,
" Alice G. Bentley,	Rev. John F. Goucher,	" T. H. Pearne,
" W. E. Blackstone,	" Benjamin Green,	Miss Kate S. Phillips,
" W. L. Boswell,	" T. M. Griffith,	Mrs. D. C. Ridgway,
" M. A. Bowen,	Mrs. L. B. Gurley,	" Henry W. Rogers,
Miss Mary Boyd,	" J. P. Hanna,	" E. E. Royer,
Mrs. A. M. Brush,	Bishop W. L. Harris,	" James Scott,
" M. T. Carey,	Mrs. Julia F. Hedges,	Mr. John Simpkinson,
" A. R. Clark,	Miss C. F. Hedges,	Mrs. John Simpkinson,
" S. B. Conant,	Mrs. P. A. Hillman,	Bishop M. Simpson,*
" J. B. Cory,	Rev. J. Horton,	Mrs. A. M. Smith,
Judge D. J. Cory,*	Dr. C. G. Hussey,	" Rosa B. Steele,
Mrs. D. J. Cory,	Mrs. E. D. Hyde,	" H. J. Straight,
" Geo. P. Cox,	" W. A. Ingalls,	" M. B. Taylor,
" C. V. Culver,	" W. Kerchoff,	" W. F. Thorne,
" John Davis,	" N. G. Ladd,	" A. C. Tuttle,
" Mary A. Day,	Miss M. Lownes,	Miss Mary C. Waitt,
" H. H. Derr,	Mrs. H. C. McCabe,	Mrs. C. S. Weatherby,
" Eliz. L. Dow,	Rev. C. C. McCabe,	Bishop I. W. Wiley,*
" Dr. Dunham,	" J. McEldowney,	Mrs. I. W. Wiley,
" M. L. Dunton,	Mrs. H. P. Mann,	" W. G. Williams,
" Simeon Farwell,	" J. H. Mansfield,	" J. F. Willing,
" A. C. Fellows,	" E. E. Marcy,	

* Deceased.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

THIS organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim* the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

- (1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.
- (2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.
- (3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the Annual Meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—**Special Work.**—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connexional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods (such as fairs, festivals, lectures, etc.) which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church may act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for it real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's

Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three-months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. THE Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of one member from each Conference delegation, to be appointed by the respective delegations, and five members of the General Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. Our mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and Assistants.

2. Each Bureau shall have the entire responsibility, in its own field, of executing all the plans and applying all the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the General Executive Board.

3. Each mission shall be placed under the special supervision of a committee of ladies nominated by the Conference Society or Societies most immediately interested* in the mission, and elected by the General Executive Board. These Committees shall report quarterly or oftener to the Secretary of the Bureau, giving a detailed statement of the condition and needs of the work in their charge.

4. Each Bureau, except Supplies and Local Missionary Work, shall consist of its Secretary and the Committees in charge of the work within its territory.

5. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to co-operate with these committees in the management of the work, secure conformity to the rules approved by the General Board of Managers for mission work,

*The Conference or Conferences assuming the financial responsibility.

and give a detailed report quarterly or oftener to the General Executive Board.

6. The Bureaus shall be (1) East Southern States; (2) Middle Southern States; (3) West Southern States; (4) Texas; (5) New Mexico and Arizona; (6) Mormons; (7) Indians; (8) Alaska; (9) Mission Supplies; (10) Local Missionary Work; (11) Young People's Work.

7. The Bureau for the East Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies for each of these States, Georgia and Florida.

8. The Bureau for the Middle Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

9. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

10. The Bureau for Texas shall consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

11. As fast as work develops in other Southern States they shall be placed in appropriate Bureaus.

12. The Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, the Mormons, the Indians, and Alaska shall each consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

13. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall consist of its Secretary, and three ladies at head-quarters, and the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

14. The Bureau for Local Missionary Work shall consist of a Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary.

15. The work of this Bureau shall comprise the supervision of mission work in our large cities and towns, as inaugurated or carried forward by our auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors, and official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible-readers for general missionary work among neglected women and children.

16. Local Missionary work for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the General Executive Board, after a formal application for permission to undertake such work through the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work.

17. All persons employed as missionaries in these fields shall be subject to all the rules relating to testimonials as to fitness, and to furnishing reports of work, that are applicable to missionaries in our other fields.

18. The funds used for the support of this city work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

19. Churches and individuals furnishing supplies to meet the needs of organized Local Missionary Work, may be credited for the same through the authorized channels in the Bureau of Supplies.

20. It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Young People's Work, to awaken and sustain interest in Young Ladies' and in Juvenile Societies.

21. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the General Executive Board, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

22. The Secretaries of the Bureaus of Supplies, of Local Missionary Work, and of Young People's Work, may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 15th of October.

2. **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer

shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th.

3. **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

4. **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer. Moneys to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work, must, in all cases, be raised as a special fund for such work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employes of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year) carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. With a view to protect this Society against any embarrassments that might possibly grow out of unauthorized engagements or pledges in respect to the funds or the operations of the Society, it is hereby ordered:

(1.) That no officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the General Executive Board of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

(2.) That if the special work proposed to be undertaken shall be the erection of a building or buildings, whether for religious, benevolent, or educational purposes, the erection of the same shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the General Treasury of this Society or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the General Executive Board of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of a special committee appointed by the Bureau having charge of the work. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board through the Secretary of the Bureau.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid by the General Executive Board.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dress-making and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the General Executive Board to publish letters from missionaries, circulars relating to the various Bureaus, and kindred matter that will help auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work; and to send such information out upon application, for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the General Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) Good health; (4.) Educational fitness; (5.) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6.) Aptness to teach.

They shall give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?

8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

10. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also, her return expenses when she is recalled by the General Executive Board, and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall be paid monthly, at the rate of \$40 per month. She shall also be allowed an amount not exceeding five dollars for postage.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be under the supervision and direction of some adult lady, and are recommended to choose some special name.

2. Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands under the Constitution already provided.

3. Children under six years of age may be enrolled as Mother's Jewels on the payment of ten cents.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at the Annual Meeting of the Society, due notice of the changes proposed having been published in the *Woman's Home Missions*.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Saturday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Beneficiaries; (3.) Missionary Candidates; (4.) Annual Meeting; (5.) Publication; (6.) Stationery; (7.) Leaflets; (8.) "Home Missions;" (9.) Missionary Intelligence; (10.) Training-school; (11.) Transportation; (12.) Mite-boxes.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the General Executive Board, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. THE President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of standing committees, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3. Order of Business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District officers; (8.) Reports of committees; (9.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (10.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of one lady from each District, chosen by the delegates from her District. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to confer and co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Circles, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for

public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report by the 1st of January, April, July, and October to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. There shall be a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary of Local Missionary Work, and a Secretary (or a Committee) of Young People's Work, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ——— on the — of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute to the amount of at least five cents a member for each year, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the General Executive Board.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing auxiliaries, and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. Organizers may draw upon the General Treasury for their traveling expenses, and one dollar for each day of actual service, when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to meet the expense.

20. Their accounts shall be audited each month by the General Executive Board, except when the Conference Contingent Fund pays the expense. In that case the Conference Society shall audit those bills.

21. Organizers shall be recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board for appointment.

22. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the auxiliaries the — of —, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, notice of the desired amendment having been given a month previous, and the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

ART. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ——— District shall be a member of the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President (a Vice-president of the Conference Society), a Vice-president from every Auxiliary on the District, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary (a Manager in the Conference Society), and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot upon nomination by a Committee.

ART. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of December, of March, of June, and of September, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of January, April, July, and October. The Treasurer shall hold only the contingent fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association, and such other meetings as may be found practicable.

ART. 7. The Standing Committees shall be upon Mite-boxes, *Woman's Home Missions*, and Program.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended only by the General Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society in Cincinnati.

6. ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes | (6.) Unfinished business. |
| (3.) Reports from members of work done. | (7.) Miscellaneous business. |
| (4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing. | (8.) Adjournment. |

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

8. There shall be a Standing Committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

9. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ART. 3. This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

ART. 5.—SEC. 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-school supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. THE meetings of this Society shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Bands. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes. | (6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business. |
| (3.) Report of Treasurer. | (7.) Program. |
| (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. | (8.) Adjournment. |

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(*Personal Estate*)—*I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of.....*
and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

DEVISE—(*Real Estate*)—*I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:.....*
....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

NOTICE.

THE next Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held at Syracuse, N. Y., October, 1887.

The fiscal year of this Society closes on the 15th day of October, and remittances which are to be acknowledged among the receipts of the year must reach the Treasurer on or before that day.

Treasurers of Conference Societies are urged to forward the funds which come into their hands to the General Treasurer by the date indicated above; and also to send information concerning the decease of Life Members, that the proper corrections may be made in the Annual Report.

Treasurers of Auxiliary Societies are earnestly requested to send promptly all moneys to the Treasurers of the Conference Societies by the 15th day of September, as specified in the By-laws for Auxiliaries.

Secretaries of Bureaus and of Conference Societies and Chairmen of the Standing Committees are urgently desired to make their reports for the Annual Meeting concise and *brief as possible*; and to write them in a plain hand upon only one side of the paper, with ink instead of pencil, so that they will not have to be re-copied for publication in the Annual Report. The labors of the editor will then be lightened, and the work of publication facilitated.

The desire on the part of the editor to issue the Annual Report the first of January was not realized, owing to the fact that some important reports, through unavoidable circumstances, failed to reach her until a later date.

The editor would acknowledge with appreciation and gratitude the assistance kindly and generously given by MRS. F. S. HOYT, whose scholarly attainments and wise judgment, together with long experience in editorial work, were invaluable in sharing the painstaking effort and arduous duties involved in the preparation of the Fifth Annual Report.

ADDENDA.

[The following reports were not received in time for insertion in their regular order among the reports from Conferences. Space is therefore given here.—Ed.]

COLORADO CONFERENCE.

WE have made a beginning in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Colorado Conference. Mrs. Willing paid Denver a hasty visit nearly two years ago, and organized two auxiliaries in that city, one in Evans Church, the other in California Street Church. She also organized the Conference Society; but the health of the Corresponding Secretary was such that she was obliged to resign her office. Therefore, there being no official head to our work, very little has been accomplished. At the session of our last Annual Conference, in July, the Conference Society was reorganized.

At the present time I can only report three auxiliaries; one in California Street Church, Denver, and two in Greeley. But the Conference gleanings will show an interest in the cause. We hope, by the blessing of God, to have a much better report to make another year.

MRS. J. H. MERRITT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK CONFERENCE.

NINE auxiliaries and one band have been organized the past year, making an addition to our membership of 246. We have now 22 auxiliaries and 4 Young People's Bands, with a total membership of 771, and 352 subscribers to our paper. Three girls have been kept in Haven Home: two through the generous aid of ladies in Trinity Auxiliary, Newark, and one by the special and untiring efforts of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle, of Elizabeth. Two girls in Haven Home have been provided with clothing by the young ladies and their friends of West Side Avenue, Jersey City.

One thousand dollars have been given by our Conference Treasurer towards the founding of the Boylan Industrial Home, at Jacksonville, Florida, which sum, added to her previous gift, enables the Home to begin its career without debt.

The last five hundred dollars of the indebtedness on Haven Home have been recently paid by Mr. B. F. Ham and his brother, in memory of their sister, Miss Emily Ham. The total receipts for the year have been \$2,949.26.

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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